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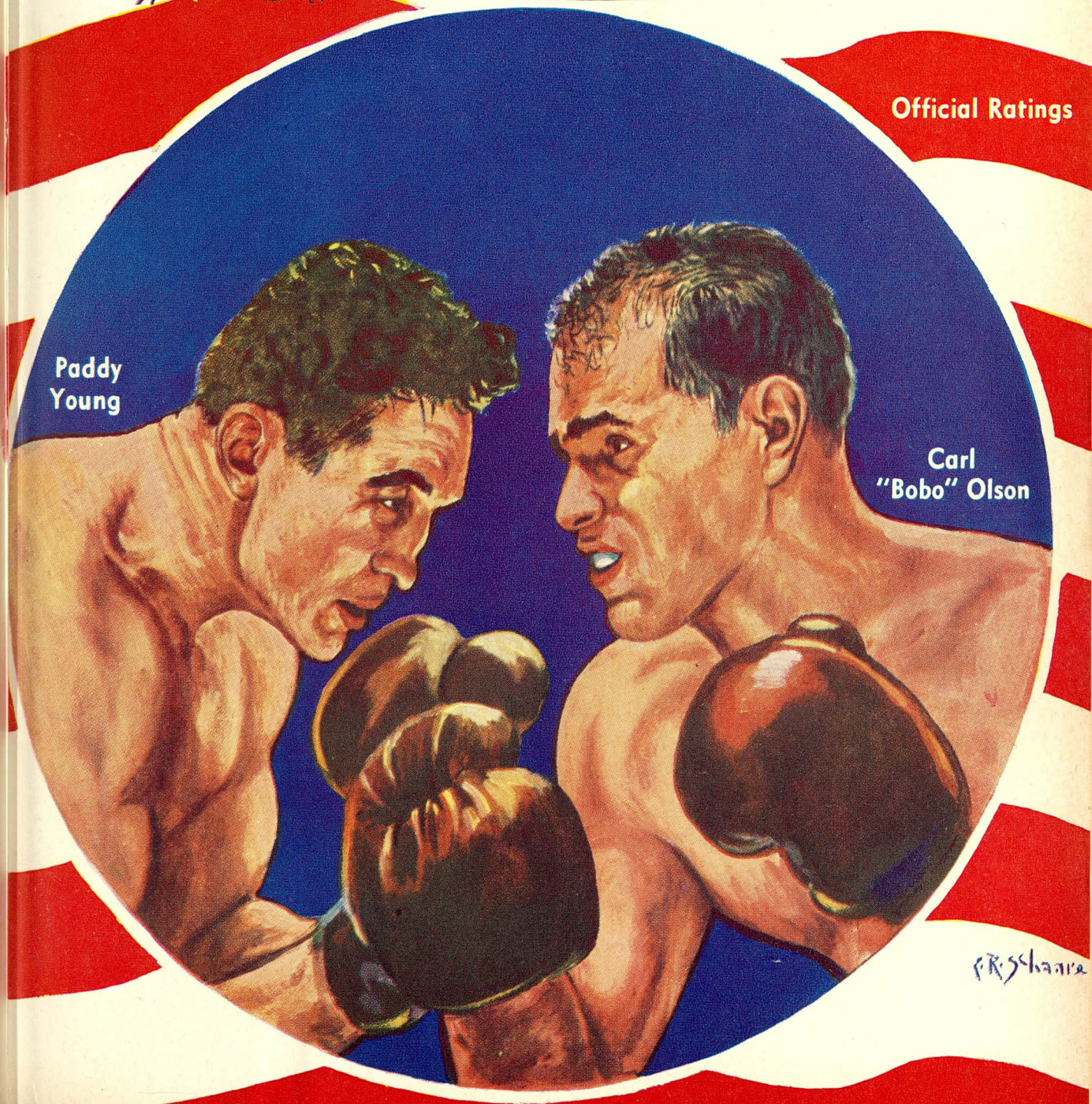

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SEPTEMBER FIGHT TO DISCOUNT HOAX

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

The boys had a falling out. And it was Walcott who did the falling, in the heavyweight championship fight at Chicago Stadium which ended in 2:25, one of the shortest on record.

BECAUSE of tax considerations, it would suit Rocky Marciano to sit out the Summer boxing season. He would not be averse to junketing hither and yon, escaping the rigors of training, and having a good time with a minimum of effort.

Had the May 15 "fight" between Rocky and Jersey Joe Walcott lived up to its billing, it is conceivable that Jim Norris would have permitted Marciano the luxury of a Summer vacation.

However, in view of the hoax which Walcott's 2 minute 25 seconds presence in the Chicago ring perpetrated, it is up to Marciano and the International Boxing Club to set up an antidote just as soon as possible.

As a consequence, Marciano is fairly sure to enter the ring for a second defense of his championship in September, almost certainly in New York.

San Francisco, with its Kezar Stadium, has entered an impressive bid for a Marciano fight, and there are other locales which would like to be host to the champion.

But Al Weill recognizes his debt to New York, and is determined that Rocky should fight there next. It will be recollected that Marciano won the title from Walcott in Philadelphia, and by-passed New York again for the second meeting with the Camden Methuselah.

Who will be the next opponent of Marciano? There are two possibilities as this issue of *The Ring* Magazine goes to press. One is Roland LaStarza of New York, who lost a split decision to Rocky as Marciano was on his way up. The other is Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champion.

SINCE the fight is to be held in New York, and there are thousands of fight fans in that city who believe that LaStarza beat Rocky in that split fracas, and since Roland gave Rex Layne a thorough shellacking on February 13 in a ten rounder, it looks as if LaStarza gets the nod. It should make an interesting fight.

LaStarza would enter the ring weighing around 188. He has the size and the pounds, and is a very clever operator. Whether he can hit hard enough to cope now with a socker like Rocky is quite another story.

Meanwhile, boxing is trying hard to erase all memories of the event in which Walcott said good-bye to the boxing business, and took Felix Bocchicchio with him.

All sorts of versions of the fiasco in Chicago still are being circulated. They will continue to circulate for many months to come.

As everybody knows, Marciano hooked a left, then shot a right uppercut to the jaw, and Walcott, who had lasted into the thirteenth round against Marciano in Philadelphia, and had had Rocky on the canvas in the first, toppled.

Not unrelated to what happened was a right under the heart which preceded the left hook. That right had a lot to do with the result.

Walcott picked himself up, but not until after Referee Frank Sikora had taken a count of ten from Mike Murphy, knockdown timekeeper.

After he had been counted out, Walcott, voluble on his feet, protested that 1, He had been the victim of a short count; 2, Sikora had pushed him down while he was taking the count; 3, It was an outrage; 4, How could they do this to him after his long and honorable, but profitable, career in the ring?

However, with the eight-count rule abrogated for the championship fight, why did Walcott take so big a risk by remaining down for even the alleged "short count" if he had not been hurt badly?

Walcott did not get a fast count. He was on the floor ten seconds. The 3-D films of the abbreviated contest and the kinescope version of television clearly showed the count to be a correct one, with Jersey Joe's left gloved-fist definitely bracing him on the canvas *after* Referee Frank Sikora had distinctly bellowed the "ten."

JOE was whipped by one of the hardest hitters in the history of the heavyweight title.

No Jim Corbett on his feet, this Rocky guy. No Billy Conn as a boxer, this Brockton Buster. But Rocky has a knockout punch in either of his fists, and he hit Walcott with both.

It seems to me that most of the aftermath talk overlooked Marciano's punching power, and stemmed largely from a sense of disappointment.

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THE August issue of THE RING Magazine will feature a ringside report of the middleweight fight between Randy Turpin and Charles Humez, in London. Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of this publication, has been in Europe for some time, surveying the general boxing situation over there. He will cover the London fistic feature of Coronation Week.

Fleischer's inside story will tie in with the Bobo Olson-Paddy Young scrap in New York, on June 19. Both the London and the New York contest will bear on the world middleweight championship vacated by Ray Robinson.

What's next for the winner of the Marciano-Walcott return fight? Are we to be regaled with a third match? Or is there to be an opening up for the rest of the field? Daniel M. Daniel will tell you about this situation.

Are our boxers living, breathing, eating, worrying, frolicsome human beings, with the foibles of the necktie salesman and the quirks of the banker? What does a boxer eat, what does he do out of the ring? This intensely human interest story will be done, in word and cartoon, by Ted Carroll.

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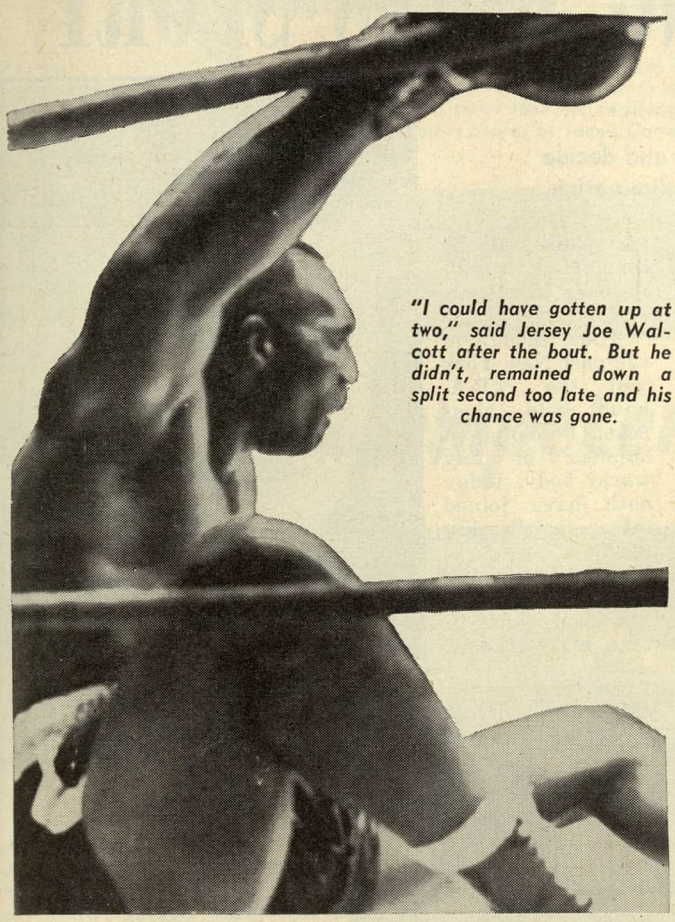

"I could have gotten up at two," said Jersey Joe Walcott after the bout. But he didn't, remained down a split second too late and his chance was gone.

The Ring Magazine accepts the fight for what it is in the record book—"Marciano by a knockout in 2 min. 25 sec., over Walcott, Chicago, Ill., May 15, 1953."

However, there are thousands of fight fans, there are many expert critics, who refuse to let Walcott retire with his $250,000 purse without some hot aspersions on the former champion. Here are the different versions of the aborted challenge:

1.—Walcott's 44 years, not 39, caught up with him. The postponement, and necessity for a second training period, did not help him. He came into the ring looking drawn and worried. He had an old man look for the first time since his first fight with Joe Louis. He had over-estimated his ability to fight both Father Time and Rocky. Or had he over-estimated them? He was knocked out fairly, and cleanly, by a much younger man with as yet not fully appreciated punching skill.

2.—Walcott quit. He could have got up. But, with $250,000 in his kick, he preferred to remain down until the full count had been tolled. His short count protest was just an act, well done, too. He had promised his wife and children that he would not fight again. He had no incentive to pick himself up before ten. Had he risen, to go on fighting, one more punch would have clobbered Joe beyond all debate.

3.—Walcott was hurt. Not knocked cold. But hurt quite severely, with the effect of the right under the heart underrated, and the power of the right uppercut under-estimated. However, the old campaigner could have mustered enough resolve and determination if it had been to his advantage to do this.

FOR the $50 customer who saw a fight composed of three punches, less than one round, the beef was framed like this:

"Referee Sikora gave Walcott the full count. But he might have winked, and let Walcott continue, because it was only the first round and there were so many considerations arguing for letting Joe continue."

For Marciano the rejoinder shaped up like this:

"It was a fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, subject to the rules of boxing and the regulations of the Illinois State Commission. Neither Referee Sikora nor Marciano had any obligation toward Walcott beyond Joe's ability to stay off the floor for more than nine seconds at a time. Neither the referee nor the defending champion could be expected to extend charity to Walcott."

The Sikora story is told by the referee himself, this way:

"It's silly to say Walcott could have gotten up before ten. He didn't know what he was doing or what was going on while he was down."

"He said 'no, it was nine,' to me when he finally got up. His manager said he got up at seven. But he got the full count. I picked it up from the knockdown counter at four.

"Don't let anybody tell you Walcott didn't get hit. Marciano really started the knockout with a right under the heart which made Walcott wince. Next came the left hook high on the cheek and then Marciano really drilled him, really hit him with a terrific right. It may not have shown on television, but believe me I was the closest man seeing that punch and it was a knockout punch."

MARCIANO has said that he was surprised that Walcott did not get up before the count of ten, but, Rocky added, "The right uppercut was a good punch. I got it inside. I got a lot of beef behind it and it hung there on his chin.

"When I turned around in the neutral corner, I heard the count of eight, and Walcott still was down. I looked at him and said to myself, 'This fella ain't gonna get up.'

"After it was over and I went to shake hands with him, I looked at him and I thought he wanted to fight some more. I had my guard up."

Was the final punch at Chicago to be compared with the knockout wallop at Philadelphia?

"Well, they were different punches," Marciano replied. "This one might have been better. Bringing a fist up, you get more power from the leverage. I guess I hit him with better punches at Philadelphia.

"I think Walcott should have got up. I know I would have."

Charley Goldman, Marciano's coach, was jubilant that Rocky had feinted Walcott into a disadvantage just before the knockout.

As for Walcott, he was 2 minutes 25 seconds of downright futility and utter disappointment. He pecked at Marciano's nose, and kept shuffling back. He never started to fight.

MARCIANO went into the ring a 3 to 1 favorite even though, when he landed the knockout at Philadelphia, Walcott had the fight on points.

Many experts did not like Walcott at any time after the match was made. His training looked bad. He had to bundle himself up in jerseys to get up a sweat.

At the weighing in before the Chicago fight, Walcott was listless. Truly apathetic. No fire left in the old guy. He was a 44-year-old campaigner going to his execution.

One thing stands out, stridently, importantly. No fighter should be permitted to compete in a world championship affair after he has passed the age of 39.

This rule was waived for Walcott. The New York Commission announced that it was willing to overlook it for so durable a battler as Jersey Joe.

Now the N.B.A. and the Commissions know that waiving the regulation even for Methuselah was a big mistake.

The 2 min. 25 sec. knockout was the sixth fastest in the history of the heavyweight title, and certainly the most remarkable since Joe Louis half killed Max Schmeling on June 22, 1938, in New York, in 2 min. 4 sec.

The record was set at 1 min. 28 sec. by Tommy Burns on March 17, 1908, in Dublin, when he flattened Jem Roche.

Burns stopped Boshter Bill Squires in 2 min. 9 sec. at Cola, Calif., on July 4, 1907.

Louis was just as fast in disposing of Tammie Mauriello in New York on September 18, 1946. Joe took only 2 min. 20 sec. to stop Jack Roper in Los Angeles on April 17, 1939.

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By NAT FLEISCHER

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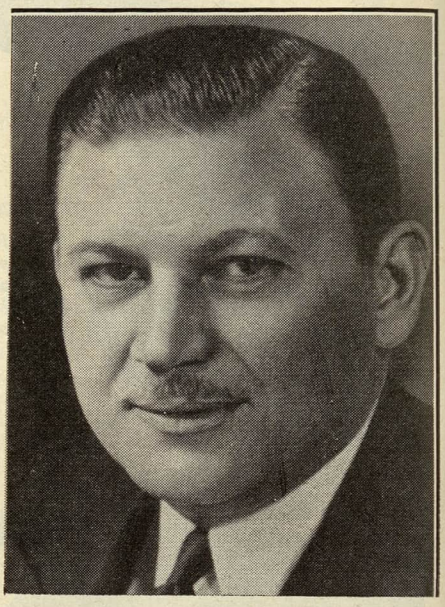

Robert K. Christenberry, chairman of the N. Y. Athletic Commission, who represented both N. Y. and the N.B.A. at the world meeting of boxing authorities at Paris.

PARIS, FRANCE (Special to *The Ring* magazine).—Boxing received a major lift at the European Boxing Union Convention here when its delegates, representing seventeen nations in Europe and the United States, decided to call the fight between Randolph Turpin of England and Charley Humez of France a European middleweight championship fight instead of a world title contest and to organize an International Committee for Professional Boxing, equivalent to a United Nations body for the sport.

These bold strokes, the former passed with only Great Britain dissent and the other unanimously constitute the healthiest shot pugilism has received for many years.

Those two decisions will go a long way towards a unification of boxing rules and regulations. They will prevent dual title claimants and end dictation by promoters or managers.

Though the action of the delegates, re the middleweight championship muddle, aroused considerable resentment among the British delegates and the British press, the manner in which the decision was reached was a triumph for Bob Christenberry, chairman of the New York Commission and official representative of the National Boxing Association. He came to the convention with one resolve—to bring about closer cooperation in world boxing. He flew home with his mission accomplished.

For the first time in the history of boxing, the sport now will be guided by one organization, the "International Committee of Professional Boxing", whose decisions will be accepted by the E.B.U., British Boxing Board of Control, the National Boxing Association and the New York Commission, thus making them binding on all.

J. Onslow Fane, president of the British Board of Boxing Control, whose hopes of having the Turpin-Humez match called a championship fight was not realized.

Secretary - General of the French Federation, Edouard Rabret, received solid backing in swinging the tide that stopped the British contention that the winner of the coronation bout between Humez and Turpin would be a world champion.

AS for the Turpin-Humez bout, the declaration of the British Board and Jack Solomons that the fight is for the world middleweight crown, was overwhelmingly overruled by a vote of 64 to 30, with only Great Britain in favor.

Continental federations stood by New York and the N.B.A. in declaring that it was not a bout for a world title. The European delegation with its solid vote indicated a desire to get New York and the N.B.A. into its membership by displaying its willingness to cooperate.

Thus, though in the past New York and the N.B.A. have held aloof from becoming a member of any world body, today both have joined into membership with Europe's legislative boxing boards. To show his good faith in the movement, Christenberry contributed, from his personal funds, 100,000 francs to the European Boxing Union to go towards the general fund and 100,000 francs to the International Committee to help defray expenses.

PRESIDENT Fane of the British Boxing Board, considerably upset by the turn of affairs that knocked the props from under the vast Coronation Championship program, declared that his board would stand by Solomons in advertising the Humez-Turpin fight as being for the world championship. The E.B.U. voted to call it a European middleweight championship affair while New York and the N.B.A. stated, through Christenberry, that it would be recognized only as the European elimination bout to decide Ray Robinson's successor.

IT had not been expected by Fane and his colleagues, nor by the British press, that such action would be taken, nor that the matter would even be discussed at the Convention since it had previously been understood that the French Federation would be in accord with the British Board on the championship designation. The solid vote of Continental Europe, against Great Britain, came as a surprise and shock to Fane and his visiting delegates. They were unprepared for such support of the American contention that no world title can be at stake in the London match on June 9.

President Emile Gremeaux of the French Federation had assured Fane that his organization was in accord with the British, he changed his mind and so declared in a speech when he found that the remainder of the French delegates supported the Secretary-General, Edouard Rabret against such designation. Rabret had rallied the French forces who

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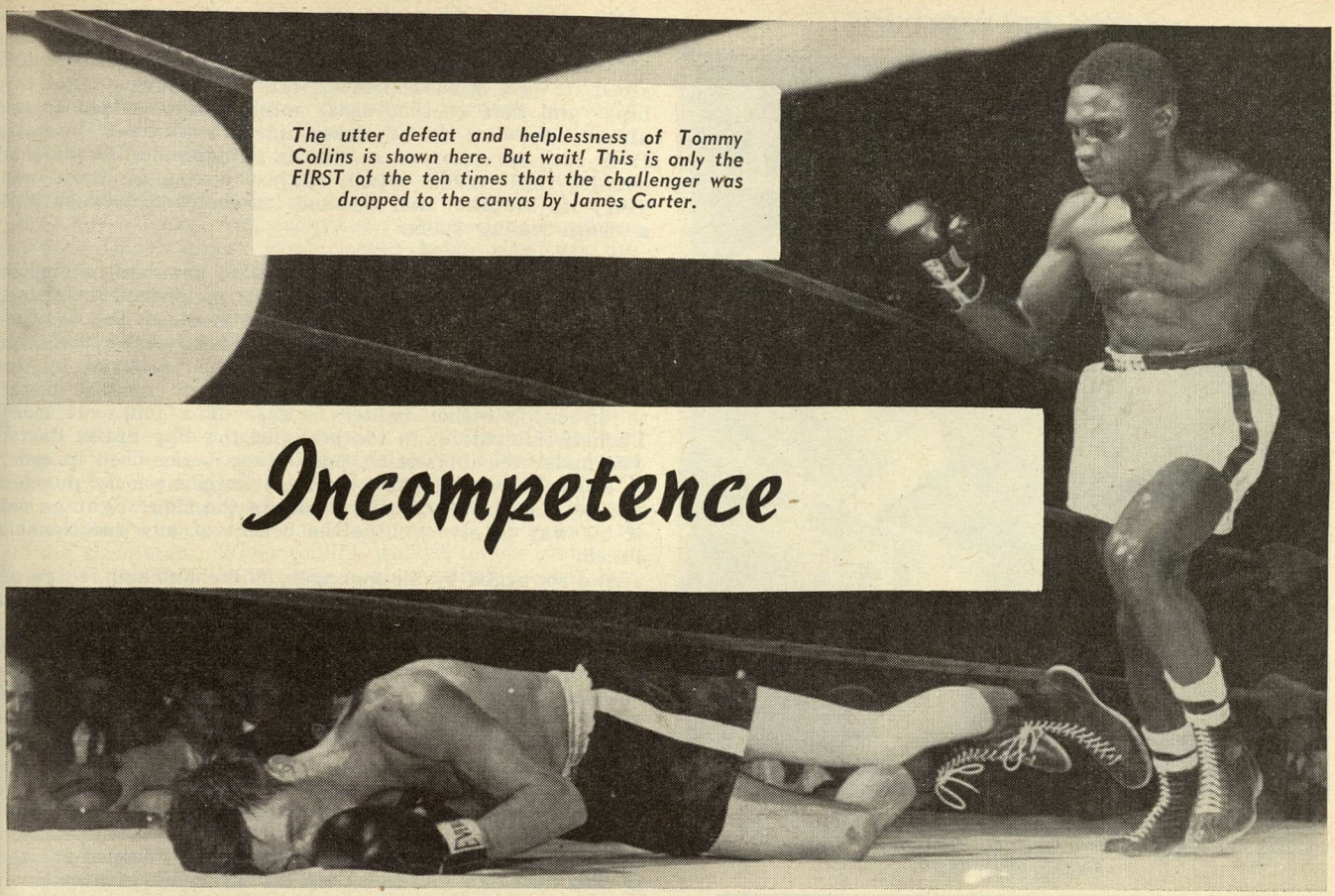


The utter defeat and helplessness of Tommy Collins is shown here. But wait! This is only the FIRST of the ten times that the challenger was dropped to the canvas by James Carter.

Incompetence

By NAT FLEISCHER

BOXING was set back to the bare knuckle era of brutality through the incompetency of officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who permitted the most disgraceful exhibition of what they term "sport" to be exhibited to 12,477 persons who packed the Boston Garden and the millions who viewed this brutal "contest" on television when the pride of Boston, Tommy Collins, was knocked out by James Carter in a world lightweight championship match. Not since the murderous attack that felled Jess Willard in his fight with Jack Dempsey in Toledo have I witnessed such a pitiful, unmerciful shellacking meted out to a fighter as Collins received from Carter.

Battered down seven times in the third round, helpless, his eye closed and his face distorted, his pins so wabbly he couldn't stand up straight, his senses gone so that he couldn't direct himself against his opponent, poor Tommy had to submit to additional punishment that placed his life in danger. And all because Tommy Rawson, an old-time lightweight, saw more fit to exhibit his skill in counting from one to eight—a baby's job—than the use of common sense, efficiency and a human heart.

Had Collins been maimed for life, something the majority of the spectators both in the arena and outside, in cities and hamlets all over the country, had momentarily expected, the Massachusetts State Commission, its medical advisor and Rawson could have justly been held to account. They were responsible for a situation such as in my half century of sports reporting, I doubt I have seen duplicated half a dozen times. The bout was short of "legalized murder".

THREE times more in the fourth round Collins was sent to the canvas, though reluctantly, by his adversary and it was not until Tommy's manager, Johnny Collins and his chief second, Coogie McFarland, leaped into the ring, that an end came to the slaughter of the most promising fighting lad this country had developed since World War No. 2. What amazed most was the fact that the doctor, assigned to prevent such brutal attacks that could lead to a fataliy, sat at the ringside "absorbing" the punishment Collins was receiving, without a wimper. He, like the majority of those who were so eager to see Collins come through with the title, apparently was "immune" to punishment. Under Massachusetts boxing law he couldn't stop the fight, but nothing prevented him from doing what the spectators did, firmly demand that Rawson halt the one-sided affair.

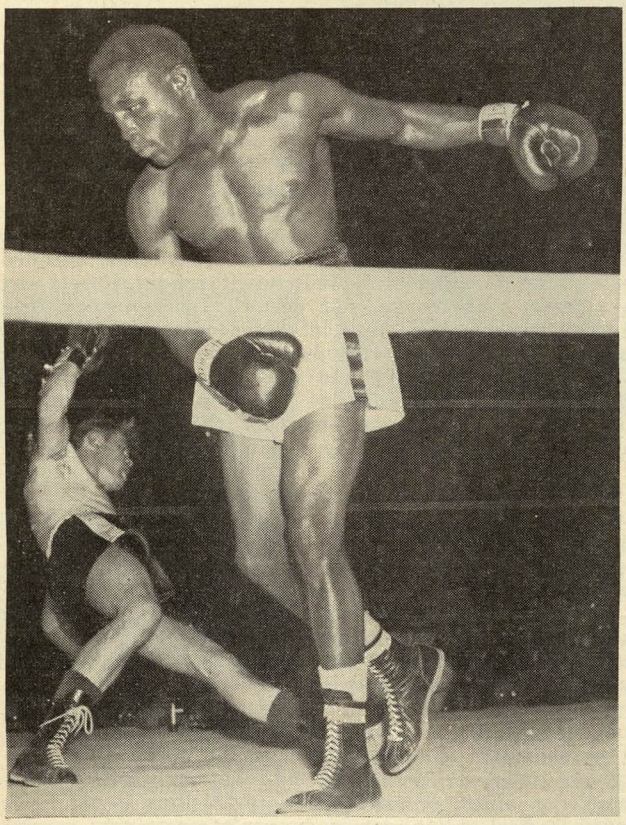
In no state in our country could such a vicious, uncalled for, attack be continued indefinitely without interference by the referee or the commission doctor. Incompetency, brutality and inhumanity were in evidence to such a degree, that the scribes who were present in large numbers from all parts of the country and were treated like so many strangers who were unwelcome to this world championship "mill," were so shocked and amazed at the manner in which the affair was conducted, they couldn't believe their eyes.

THE best way to tell of that "fight" is to expose the wanton destruction of a clean-cut. fine looking, well-spirited, popular young man by overmatching him for the sake of the huge gate he could command because he was the best attraction New England has had since the days of John L. Sullivan. The inefficiency of the promoters who found the job too big for their breeches; the gross inefficiency and inhumanity of the third man in the ring who must have been in his glory as he heard the partisan fans applaud the "blind courage" of young Collins as he rose from the canvas time after time to take the crashing blows of the champion and the failure of the doctor to see his duty in ordering Rawson to halt so one-sided, vicious, horrible an affair, or even examining Collins to see if he needed medical aid or was in danger of sustaining permanent injury tell the story. The Boxing Commission and its entire retinue should be asked to resign after the setback boxing received at its hands.

In no other state could such a scene be enacted. It was not the number of knockdowns Collins suffered—ten in all before his handlers leaped into the ring to disqualify the challenger—but the helpless manner in which he appeared that called for a halt long before such action was taken.

RIGHT OR WRONG?

Tommy Rawson, a former fighter himself, refereed the bout and let it continue in the face of sharp criticism. "He (Collins) knew what he was doing," said Rawson.



Carter scores again as a right lashed out to drop Tommy Collins yet another time at Boston Garden. The fight, televised nationally, brought about a storm of protest.

When the fighting was over, and a pitiful, frightful looking young man was being helped to his corner while the referee held up the hand of his adversary, the huge crowd stood in awe, aghast, praying that Collins would not collapse and that another death might not be added to the already growing list of eleven since the first of the year. It is such carelessness as was in evidence in Boston that enables the vitriolic attack against boxing by those who decry its brutality and demand its abolition because it is a death-dealing sport.

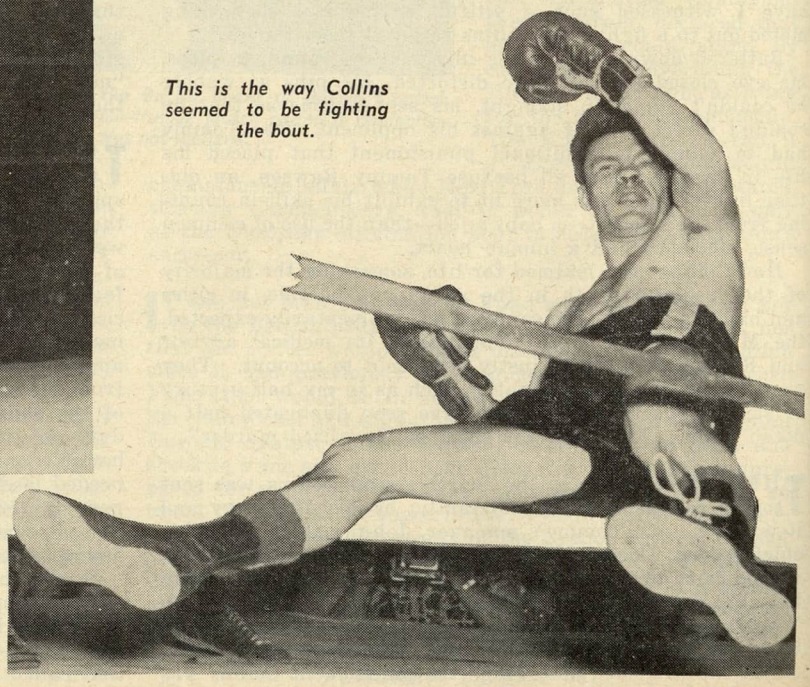
AFTER two rounds during which we saw both champion and challenger exhibit skillful boxing and clear hitting, with Collins outscored even in those sessions, the destruction of the Boston idol was started. Shortly after the third round got under way, Carter, who was angered by the decision of the commission giving the referee the power to disqualify either fighter in case of a foul, cut loose. Though this rule is on the books of the Bay State, Carter was under the impression that it was being used in order to cause his defeat since he is an excellent body puncher and he feared that the third man in the ring might go out of his way to give Collins the benefit of any questionable punch.

And so, urged by his manager, Willie Ketcham, to go all out, he unleashed an attack in the third round that soon had Collins, the over-stuffed featherweight, in a helpless state. His two-fisted assault butchered Tommy, the big-hearted, colorful but frail-bodied Bostonian who had brought boxing back to the halycon days of the Sharkey-Maloney-Finnegan period. But this was not Tommy's day. As a featherweight, to which class he rightfully belonged though he scaled his highest, 133¾ to 134½, Collins' punch was devastating, but against a legitimate lightweight who possessed both cleverness and clouting power, he was out of his class.

SEVEN times in quick succession Carter dropped his foe and each time Collins hit the canvas with a greater thud. The first knockdown came a fraction of a second after a beautiful left hook caught Tommy on the jaw. He stepped back following the punch, then suddenly fell backward flat. At the mandatory count of eight, he got to his feet only to be floored again with a barrage that came from all sides. Then it was one after the other, until seven times in a row Referee Rawson practiced how to count from one to eight, a job he should by now know thoroughly. In any other state, after the third or fourth knockdown, noting how useless it would be for the fallen fighter to continue to absorb punishment with out being able to return any or even to protect himself, the bout would have been halted.

But not in Massachusetts where the popular idol still had something, it was hoped, to enable him overcome the

This is the way Collins seemed to be fighting the bout.



early knockdowns and come through with the title. At least so it seemed to the impartial spectators who felt that Referee Rawson and the medical advisor whose duty it was to enter the ring after those seven knockdowns to examine poor Tommy, were trusting. Perhaps he could still crash a wild one to the jaw of the champion and turn the trick, they apparently figured.

But it was not in the wind. He was through and the officials should have seen to it that he was saved from further butchering. Any competent, compassionate referee who knew his business would never have permitted the mayhem to continue after the third or fourth knockdown. Especially so since at the time, Collins left eye was almost wholly closed and he was so dazed, he kept looking upwards instead of at his opponent when he got to his feet to face another barrage.

HE showed plenty of courage, yes, blind courage, but that's not boxing. Only cruel, inhuman people enjoy that type of "sport". The fans, even Tommy's ardent admirers, were sickened by the frightful scene. In all the years that I have covered boxing, never have I lost myself as I did on this occasion when even I tried to appeal to the referee to halt the slaughter. When Collins walked to his corner at the end of the third round, the applause that greeted him was not spontaneous. It came from those who had placed their faith in him, spoke of him as a wonder fighter and still had hopes that he would win the crown. They had seen him battered around the ring before and then land the haymaker and expected the same thing to take place now. But the majority, though with Tommy in spirit, were sickened by what had already taken place and hoped the bout would be halted. Their applause was somewhat weak.

Collins had lived to fight another round but there was no telling what the result to his body would be if the contest continued. He came out for the fourth round bleeding from nose and mouth, eye badly bruised, body showing the effects of the belts he had received and in a dazed condition. And yet neither the referee and the medical advisor didn't even bother to walk to Collins' corner between rounds to see whether he was in fit condition to continue!

Up from his stool came Collins to answer the clang of the bell starting the fourth and final round. His legs were jelly. It was now apparent that he couldn't see properly for instead of facing his man, he turned to one side trying to eye Carter from an angle. He swung. The blow was wild. He thrust out his left. It failed to strike the mark. Carter moved to the side of the injured optic and let go.

He found the mark not once but half a dozen times, puffing the eye still more. Then out of pity, it seemed, he looked at the referee before starting a body attack. It was obvious that the champion had more sympathy for his courageous opponent than did either the incompetent referee or the doctor who must have had a most enjoyable

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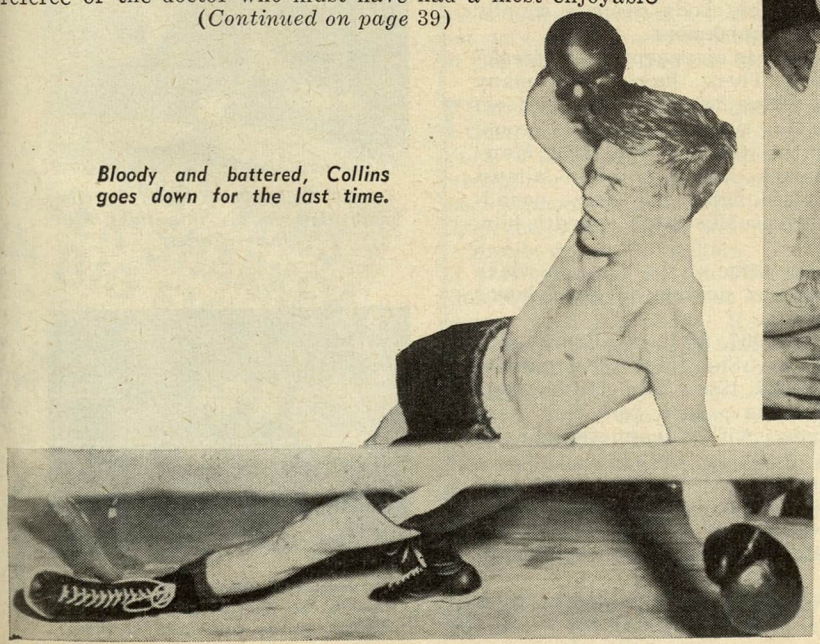

Bloody and battered, Collins goes down for the last time.

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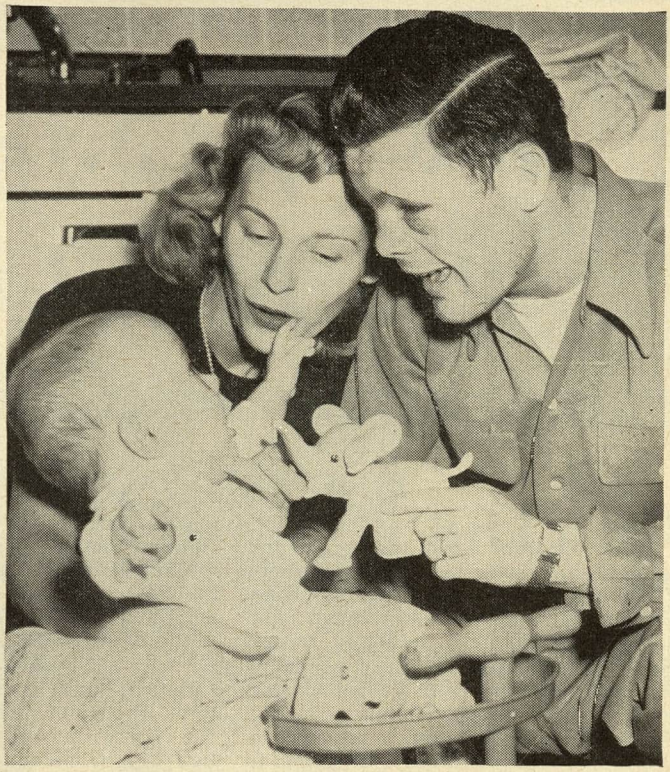
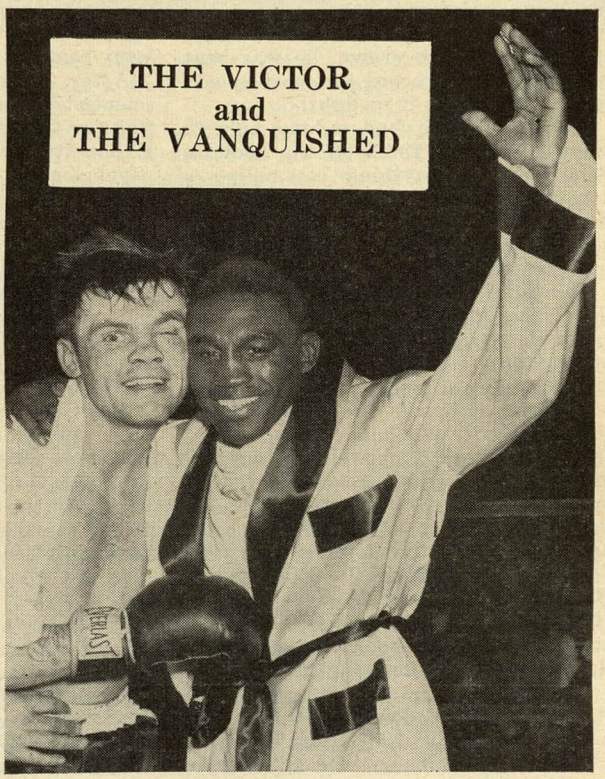


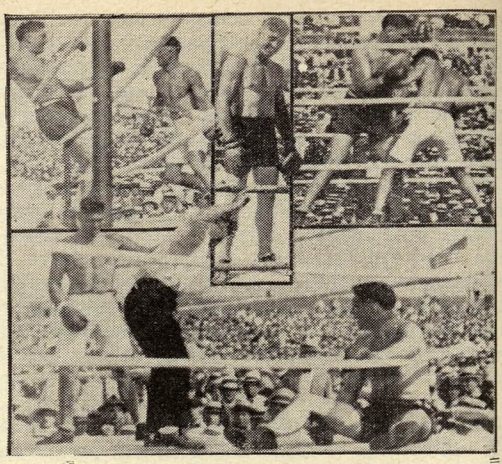
Tommy Collins declared that he wasn't hurt and thought the fight should have continued. He was out dancing the same night, and up and around at home the next day, playing with his son, Tommy, Jr., as wife Mae looks on.

THE VICTOR and THE VANQUISHED



A cocky, courageous battler, Tommy Collins hugs the man who dropped him ten times in less than four rounds as Lightweight Champion James Carter's hand is raised in triumph moments after the bout was halted.

He's Up... He's Down!...



Jack Dempsey hammered champion Jess Willard down seven times in the first round.

By JOHNNY SALAK

ALL fighters have their ups and downs, some more so than others and some in more ways than one. Tommy Collins, a Boston bean who turned out to be a partially baked, overheated featherweight, managed with the assistance of James Carter, world lightweight champion, and Referee Tommy Rawson, to compile the rather dubious distinction of going to the canvas 10 times in less than four rounds at Boston Garden in his title bout with Carter.

In the third round he took no less than seven trips to the canvas and by his own statement, "was sorry the referee stopped the bout." Obviously, unable to win the crown, he was bent on breaking the record for most knockdowns "suffered" in a fight.

He would have had a long way to travel, back and forth off the floor, to come close to anything resembling a new mark, though, for a check through the files shows that some fighters have bounced all over the ring like Mexican jumping beans.

Joe Grim, dubbed the Iron Man of the Prize Ring, must have been the original wearer of elevator shoes. He made more trips up and down in the ring than any other man in ring history.

Fighting around the turn of the century, Grim, who had a rock-like jaw, fought them all, lightweights, welters, middleweights and heavies and though most of them dropped him during a fight, for a long while no one could keep him there. He took on men like Joe Gans, the original Joe Walcott and Bob Fitzsimmons and Jack Johnson. He seldom won but he was an attraction until 1906 when Sailor Burke dropped him and kept him down.

In 1905 in the Johnson fight, Li'l Artha had him down 17 times in a six-round bout. In 1903 Ruby Bob Fitzsimmons took him on in a six-rounder at Philadelphia and had Grim down nine times. In 1907 Jim Barry had him down 19 times in six rounds. Grim was childishly proud of his "achievements."

Accounts of the Johnson "fight" are vague and some even claim that Jack had him down 32 times in that bout, possible though difficult to believe. Grim was famous for his endurance and stamina and as Johnson wasn't getting anywhere at the time, he figured if he could stop Grim the publicity would help him. He didn't. Johnson weighed around 220 pounds for that fight while Grim was no more than 144!

Seven days after his brutal battle with Fitzsimmons, Grim stepped into the ring with Joe Gans, the great little lightweight champion who had stopped Frank Erne in one round to win the title. Eight times Gans had Grim down and eight times the Iron Man came off the floor. At the end of the six rounder he turned a series of handsprings and laughed, a trick he performed after each bout, no matter how badly he had been beaten.

After these fights, physicians and scientists attempted to find an explanation for the miracle that was Joe Grim. Exhausitve examinations by a renowned psychologist, neurological authority and physical expert showed that Joe's endurance was due to the smallness of his brain and a nervous system so deadened that it was almost impossible for him to experience pain. His short bull neck could absorb almost any blow delivered against his head or jaw, while the rest of his body seemed equally immune to punishment.

But Grim was an exception, a "freak" of nature. There have been many instances where fighters had gone down innumerable times, but none could duplicate the record of the "Iron Man" whose career lasted through almost four hundred fights. All these poundings did eventually catch up with him.

HERE are some of the bouts in which an unusual number of knockdowns were scored:

April 17, 1907, at Paris, France. Joe Jeannette vs. Sam McVey. Jeannette was down 27 times and McVey was dropped 11 times in a bout that went 49 rounds with Jeannette finally winning.

January 8, 1946, at Stockholm, Sweden. Olle Tandberg vs. Jock Porter. Porter was down 21 times with the referee stopping the bout in the seventh round.

March 20, 1931, at Providence, R. I.

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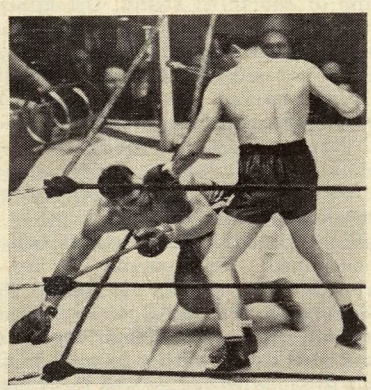
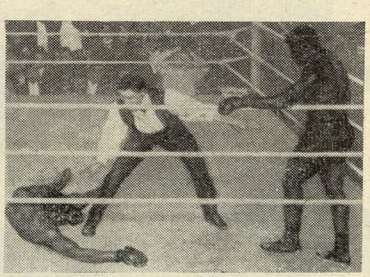


Max Baer blasts Primo Carnera to the canvas for the first of eleven knockdowns.

Tommy Collins goes down for the ninth time in his title fight with James Carter.



Joe Jeannette takes one of his 27 trips to the floor in bout with Sam McVey. McVey was down 11 times.

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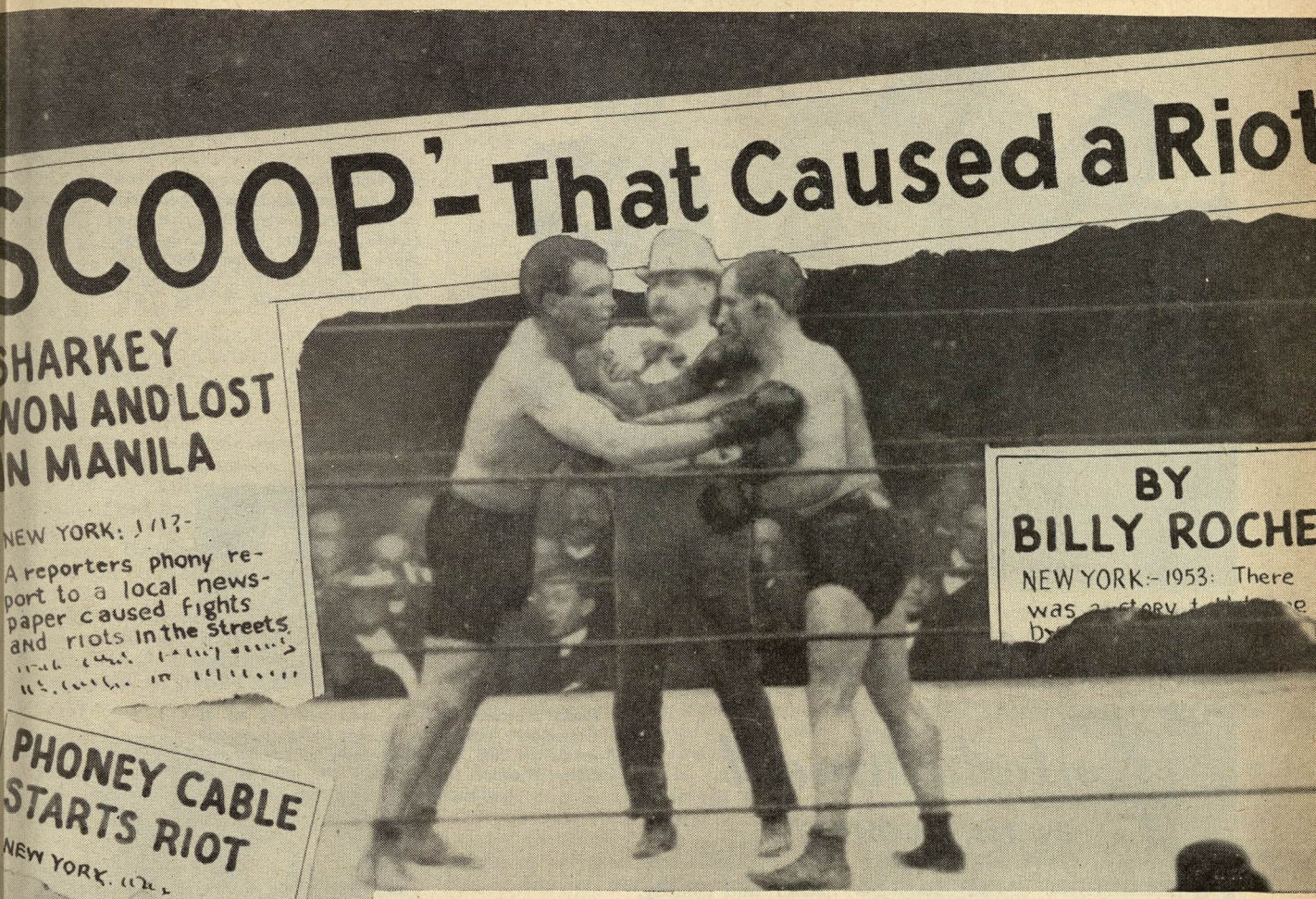


NEWSPAPER scoops are what every sports editor seeks from his writers and when one of his scribes gets a real live one, the paper usually takes great pride in making the public know of its accomplishment. Often a good-sized bonus is given to the writer, who, backed by his paper, won't permit the readers to forget the "beat." But there were two occasions in the career of Jim Jeffries when the Managing Editor and the fellow who engineered the "scoop" were fit to be tied and would have gone to Patagonia for a long rest if the opportunity were offered to them.

Back in 1903, when Jeffries and Tom Sharkey fought at Coney Island, the interest among fight fans was intense. Especially so among the sailors of Uncle Sam's Navy who had Sharkey as their fistic hero.

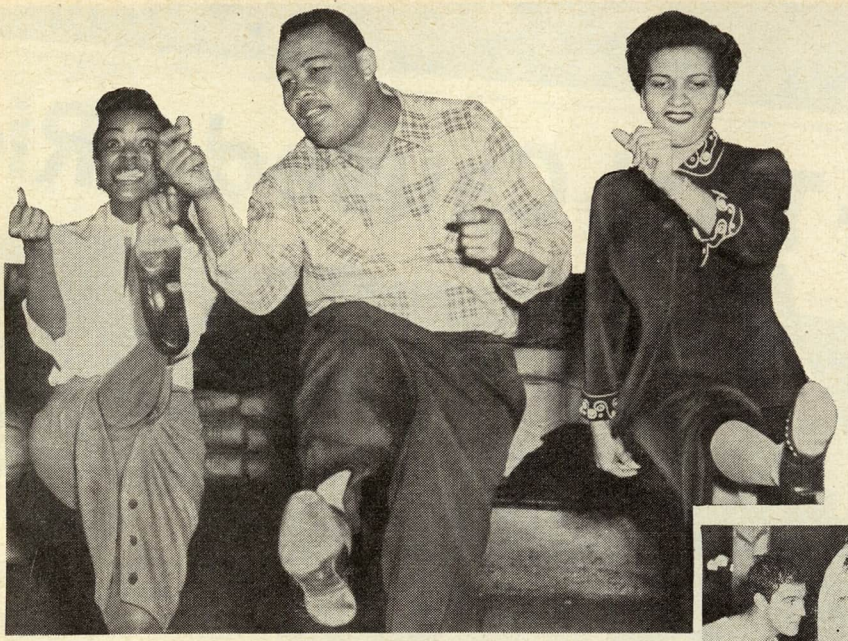
The article by Nat Fleischer in last month's issue of *The Ring*, discussing his interview with Jeffries, in which Big Jim called his fight with Sharkey his greatest and his toughest, recalled a story Charley Van Loan told me many years ago. Van Loan not only was a great reporter but one of the world's leading short story writers and at the time of the Jeffries-Sharkey fight he was in Manila.

THE Philippine capital didn't receive cable dispatches as it does today. At that time, in order to get press reports to the Island, it was necessary to cable from New York to London, from London to Hong Kong, and from there to Manila, and often a message or news report would be a day or two late. Most of the news came in by mail steamers because the small papers couldn't afford the cost of the cables and often the sports had to wait weeks for reports of their favorite pastime.

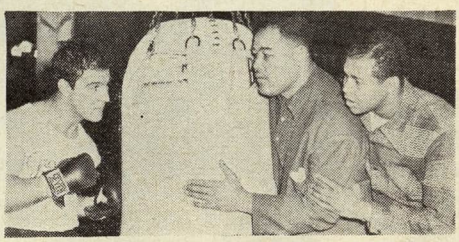
Manila was full of sailors. The American invasion having been completed, thousands of tars remained in the Philippines as part of the occupation force and when the Sharkey-Jeffries fight was scheduled, they went haywire betting on Sailor Tom, no matter what the odds. Manila was a sporty town and gambling was wide open. The sailors found ready takers in the soldiers and betting was keen. No sailor picked Jeff to whip the Pride of the Navy. The poolrooms were swamped with American dollars and every jolly tar seemed to carry a ticket on Sailor Tom.

There was a newspaper man in Manila by the name of Charley Fagan. He had gone to Manila from San Francisco with the American Army and after the Spanish fleet had been sunk, he decided to remain abroad and became one of the star reporters, especially in sports. Like many scribes of his day, he was a heavy drinker and couldn't stick to one job long enough to make the post a steady one, but shifted from one paper to another, and every now and then he would pick up some easy money by trimming some gullible sucker.

WELL that's just what he did to one of the smartest editors on the Island. For weeks the Manila fight was at fever heat. Every mail (*Continued on page* 48)



Joe Louis' footwork was always good and he demonstrates that he's still in shape as he high steps it with a couple of others who are in good shape, Delores Harper (left) and Barbara DeCosta. He is appearing at the Apollo Theatre in New York.



Rocky Marciano (left) is seen muscling up at Grossinger's training camp, not trying to muscle in on the film, "The Life Story of Joe Louis." Caley Wallace (right) takes the part of the youthful Louis in the picture.

Heavy Entertainment

By NAT LOUBET

RETIREMENT of Ray Robinson from the ring, to devote himself to the night club stage, brings back memories of other standout boxers who went from competition into marriage with the muses of the dance and the choral.

It is a natural transition. The ring and the stage long have been close associates.

But the opening of a Joe Louis revue at the Apollo theatre in New York City with Joe cast in a terpsichorean role at a reputed 7,500 sawbucks per week, at a time when Joe's ability to garner a buck was at low ebb, is a real heavyweight event to be added to the next time capsule.

The number of champs who have turned to stage and screen work when their fighting time was over is well known. The heavyweight "ex's" more than any other division have drifted into the entertainment field.

This is not surprising since there is more glamour and color surrounding a heavyweight champ than all the other leaders. It is only natural that a man holding a heavyweight crown would miss the plaudits of the crowd when his position as a boxing sovereign ceased to exist. Further, when his money runs out he has an added incentive to turn to the arc lights to replenish spirit and pocket.

The Brown Bomber is the latest of the ex-heavyweight champs to turn to the entertainment world in a field that has traditionally seen heavyweight champs from Sullivan to the present era turn from drama to song and dance, patter and comedy.

There were times in the colorful career of Louis the fighter, when he was canvas bound. But up to his unfortunate meeting with Rocky Marciano, Joe always had managed to stumble topsides and as Harry Balough, once Garden announcer, used to say, "emerge triumphant."

In his long career as a heavyweight king, which stretched from 1934 to 1951, Joe was the hero of his people and an example of the perfect champion to the followers of boxing around the globe as well as to the youngsters entering the sport in an effort to duplicate his superb feats.

To be thrown aside when his fighting days were over was not to his liking. So Joe did what comes naturally. . . . He landed on his feet, but instead of shuffling as he always did in the ring, he made with the feet like a jive ridden pogo stick. Added to his repertoire was the ability of being able to say the right thing at the propitious moment.

At the same time that Louis startled the population of Harlem by his revue, another phase of the Louis legend was being fashioned—Louis the motion picture actor. *The Joe Louis Story*, a picture portraying the life of Joe, was started at Grossingers and at New York City with Coley Wallace playing the role of Joe as a young lad and Louis playing himself in his later years.

Joe appears to be on the way to being a success in both careers if reports are correct. His producer and director of the movie claim he is photogenic and his revue at the Apollo seems to have gone over with the fairer sex since he is playing to standing room only and is booked solidly for many a night to come.

Although Joe gloried in his title and is happy to be back in the public eye, he is not the only heavyweight champ who relished the responsibilities of his office and hated to leave the hubbub that goes with the roar of the fight mob.

PROBABLY the titleholder who got the greatest kick out of his title, and hated to be relegated to the limbo of the forgotten, was that merry madcap, Max Baer. Max enjoyed his fistic estate and all that it entailed. When it was his no longer he turned to the entertainment world to satisfy his hunger for the howling crowds and cash.

Not a terrific success in the movies, Baer turned to the night club circuit where with Slapsy Maxie Rosenbloom, one time light-heavyweight king, he became one of the stable diets of those who haunt the all-night trail.

Though a success by all standards, Max never reached the heights he had achieved as a heavyweight champ. He was never able to attain the success on stage or screen which would have equalled his ring exploits.

James J. Corbett and Jack Dempsey were two of the game's most romantic figures. Both felt completely at home in their heavyweight office. Of the two, Corbett, rising from a bank clerkship to the title, by way of defeating John L. Sullivan, started out with a much greater capacity for enjoying his new found glory than did Dempsey. His

everyday associates were of a genteel nature as compared to Dempsey who dropped off the brake rail to win the crown.

Corbett had the poise and ease of manner that Dempsey didn't acquire until after he had lost his royal mantle of purple. It was Dempsey, the ex-champ, who became the superb after dinner speaker and man about town. As the heavyweight boss, Dempsey may have lacked polish but he had a love of his crown and wore it at a rakish angle for all to see.

Shorn of their ring honors, both men turned to the entertainment world so as to remain in the public eye. Neither could stand the thought of becoming a vague memory.

Both men started out under hostile circumstances. Gentleman Jim began by licking Sullivan, an immortal to boxing fans, and it took a lot of forgiving before the fans took him to their bosom. Dempsey, too, was under a cloud for his lack of service in World War I and the resulting bad press took a lot of living down. But Jack finally became one of the world's outstanding ring figures, whose popularity is unquestioned right up to the present.

JAMES J. JEFFRIES was one of the few who apparently lacked the ability to enjoy his throne to the degree of his predecessors. But stripped of his crown, Jeff so missed being king of the gladiators and lord of the mob that he, too, found himself making a try for the footlights and the glamour that went with it.

Between the gentlemanly, fun loving Corbett and the scowling Jeffries was Robert Fitzsimmons, known as "Ruby Robert." An Englishman by birth, Fitz never attained the popularity of champs born and bred in the U. S. He did, however, receive a measure of notoriety by virtue of his frolicsome nature and he attempted to increase his stature as a public figure by turning to the mask and buskin.

Possibly the only champ who came close to having a miserable time in the heavyweight post was John Arthur Johnson. An amiable, laughing, good natured Negro, he found little to smile about after he became the champion. He was happy to relinquish his reign and remarked immediately after losing his title to Jess Willard: "Let's hope the world will forget me and let me alone."

Though scorned by the public he found solace in big, brightly hued sports cars and attempted to gain public factor by going on the stage.

When his stage career failed, Johnson still didn't throw in the towel.

With all his bitterness he was a glutton for punishment and turned to the hoopla of carnival and side-show life. For a time he was associated with a flea circus in New York City where he would regale his audiences with his experiences.

Shortly before leaving on the trip South in which he was killed while travelling in an auto at high speed, Johnson was in THE RING office. His last words were of an intended new invasion of movieland and of how he was

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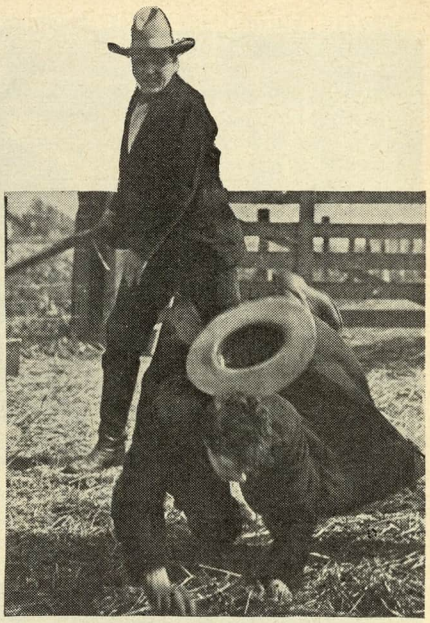
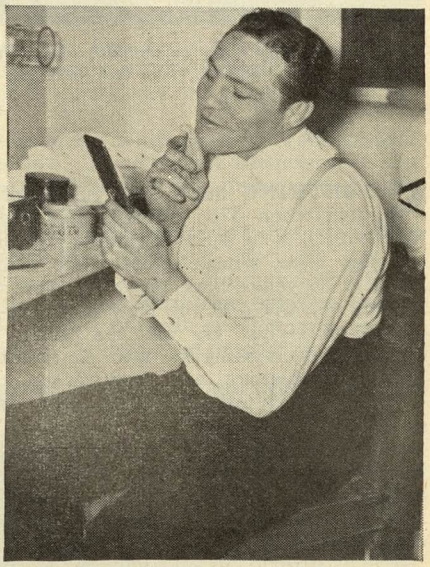
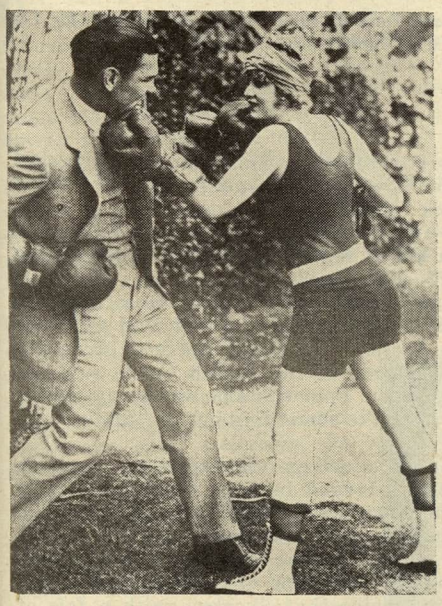


Jess Willard, the giant Cowboy from Kansas, took part in a number of Hollywood horse operas. As usual, Jess the heavy hero, makes short work of a russlin' bad man.



Laugh, Clown, Laugh. Max Baer, the merry madcap, makes up prior to going on in a night club routine of song, dance and snappy patter.



Florence Lee, screen beauty of the Roaring Twenties and wife of Teddy Hayes, Dempsey's trainer, gives the Champ a tough workout in one of his unrecorded bouts in 1923. Jack was in California at the time, starring in a film.

Max Schmeling, the Black Uhlan, looks ill-at-ease in a scene from the German film, "Love in the Ring," definitely not based on his second fight with Joe Louis. He appeared with Germany's leading actress.

SAILOR TOM

There was nothing fancy or snobbish about Sharkey or the company he kept. At his Staten Island training camp, where he prepped for Jim Jeffries, Tom took time out to pose with a few of his pals and another pretty good fighter—a bull terrier.

By JERSEY JONES

SOMETHING more than just another old-time fighter died when Tom Sharkey had the final count droned over him in a San Francisco hospital recently.

Sailor Tom, whose colorful life spanned a few months short of 80 years, was one of the few remaining links connecting the Old and the New in the so-called "modern-era" of the prize-ring. He was the last of that swashbuckling crowd of heavyweights who contributed so much to the boisterous history and picturesque tradition of boxing during the rugged '90s and early years of the current century.

With the passing of Sharkey, the thinning ranks of contemporary ring greats have dwindled to a few scant survivors of lighter classes—featherweight Jack Skelly, now 82; lightweight Frank Erne, 78, and light-heavyweight Jack Root, 77.

It was a grim bit of timing by a capricious destiny that Sharkey should have made his final exit from this restless world only six brief weeks after that of his once bitter rival and later pal-about-town, Jim Jeffries.

Sharkey's meeting with Jeff in Coney Island on November 3, 1899, rates with the all-time classics of the ring. It was one of the most savage brawls in the annals of heavyweight championship competition. The bigger Jeff, nearly a head taller and thirty-two pounds heavier, was awarded Referee George Siler's decision at the end of twenty-five gruelling rounds, but there were many in the crowd who felt the chunky, barrel-chested Sharkey had beaten the powerful ex-boilermaker.

That was the nearest Sailor Tom ever came to winning the heavyweight title, but during his flamboyant career he tangled with all the top heavyweights of his time and was no bargain for any of them.

SHARKEY was not a "big" heavyweight. He stood only 5 feet, 8½ inches in altitude, and at the peak of his form seldom scaled above 180 pounds. But he was all beef and brawn, with tremendous shoulders and ham-like fists, and his burly physique was supported by boundless energy and implicit confidence in an ability to whip any man in the world.

It is doubtful if the ring has uncovered a fighter with a more exciting background than Sharkey's. Even before he turned to boxing as a profession, Sailor Tom had packed in enough travel and adventure to satisfy even the vivid imagination of a Jack London.

Born and reared in the little Irish coastal village of Dundalk, Tom was a kid of ten when he shipped out to sea as cabin boy in 1873. For nearly a decade he sailed the Seven Seas, from London to Cape Town, Hong Kong to Sydney, San Francisco to the China coast and into the frigid wastes of the Arctic. He had his share of dramatic struggles with the typhoons of the Indian Ocean and the hurricanes of the Caribbean. Four times he was shipwrecked, and his experiences read like something out of "Sinbad, the Sailor."

Then a husky lad of nineteen, Sharkey had risen to rating of bos'n when he landed in New Orleans early in September, 1892. The town was excited about the coming fight between the great John L. Sullivan and an impudent young dude named James J. Corbett. As a rough-and-ready 'un who'd known his quota of brawls about ship and in port, it was inevitable that Sharkey, with a few of his crewmates, would be in the crowd that witnessed the tragedy of the popular old champion—a slow, paunchy, dissipated relic of his once mighty self—going down to defeat before the speed and skill of the young challenger.

As he watched the uneven fight, little could the obscure seaman have dreamed that, not many years later, he'd have a chance—a couple of them, in fact—to pit his boisterous roughhouse slugging against Corbett's fancy boxing. Or that he'd don the gloves, if only in an exhibition, with his fallen idol, Sullivan.

A FEW weeks after sailing out of New Orleans, Sharkey found himself in New York. Quitting his own ship, he hiked to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and enlisted in the United States Navy.

It was while serving aboard a receiving ship that Tom was formally introduced to sparring with gloves. A couple of hundred men were in training there and every evening, from seven to nine, boxing bouts were held on deck, with officers acting as referees.

Sharkey never was destined to become an outstanding example of scientific tactics in the ring. But he liked fighting, and it didn't take long for him to absorb the rudiments

of boxing as defined in the new Marquis of Queensberry code. With his natural strength and pugnacity, plus his experience in rough-and-tumble brawling, Sharkey quickly established himself as a formidable problem for any of his shipmates to tackle.

His training period finished, Tom was assigned to the cruiser *Philadelphia* when it was rushed to the Hawaiian Islands, early in 1893, to protect American interests during a revolution which had broken out against the ruling native dynasty.

It was in Honolulu that Sharkey began his actual ring career. After he had blasted his way through to the heavyweight championship of the American fleet, rivalry developed with British sailors also stationed there. But their best men were no tougher than the Yanks had been for the squat, powerfully-built Irishman.

Sharkey put in a year and a half in Honolulu, and in that time fought fourteen bouts, all ending in knockouts. Tom not only dominated his American and British naval rivals, but also whipped a couple of journeyman professionals imported by local gamblers.

During the summer of 1894 the *Philadelphia* left Honolulu and put in at the Mare Island naval base in California. Sharkey continued his ring activities by taking occasional fights in Vallejo and Colma. Besides disposing of a few rival gobs, Tom whipped a couple of professionals. One of them, Australian Billy Smith, was rated a pretty fair sort of ringman, and when Sharkey knocked him out in seven rounds, it convinced Tom that prizefighting offered a good future for him when he left the Navy.

ON March 12, 1896, Sharkey faced his first serious test against a "name" opponent. It was Alex Greggains, a fading but cagey veteran who had become something of an official "trial-horse" for ambitious newcomers in San Francisco. The bout went its scheduled eight rounds and was called a draw, but most accounts credited Sharkey with having the better of the milling.

Joe Choynski, one of the world's best, saw the affair and thought so little of the strong but crude ex-sailor that he offered to knock him out within eight rounds or forfeit the decision. Sharkey accepted the offer, and the match was arranged for the Peoples Palace in San Francisco on April 16.

It was Sharkey's first start against an established headliner, and it didn't take him long to realize he had plenty to learn about the trade. Tom absorbed some vicious punishment from the ringwise, sharpshooting Choynski, but it didn't discourage him. Doggedly, he continued to rush in, slugging away with both hands, and roughhousing Choynski in the clinches. Joe not only was unable to knock out the rugged young Irishman, but he had rough going himself, and even though it meant he automatically lost the decision, he welcomed the final bell.

Sharkey was now to be given the first of two chances to see what his strength and boisterous slugging could do against the clever boxing of the world champion, Jim Corbett.

Corbett, then in San Francisco visiting relatives, had seen the Sharkey-Choynski bout, and Tom's strong showing promptly led to a clamor for Gentleman Jim to meet the youthful ex-sailor. Could the champion tame the unruly brawler?

Corbett hadn't been very active, pugilistically, during the four years since his title-winning effort against Sullivan. Aside from a couple of minor affairs, which actually were exhibitions rather than fights, Jim's only outing had been with the aging Englishman, Charley Mitchell, whom he'd flattened in three rounds in Jacksonville, Fla. For the most part, Corbett had been devoting his efforts to theatrical performances and personal appearance tours. He was not in condition for a long, tough fight with a formidable opponent, but he agreed to take on Sharkey in a four-rounder. The bout was set for June 24 in San Francisco's largest arena, Mechanics Pavilion.

IT was lucky for Corbett the meeting wasn't scheduled for a longer route. Sharkey nearly wrecked him. With his fancy boxing and snappy punching, the champion did well enough for two rounds, but he began to tire in the third from the fast pace and Sharkey's roughhouse tactics. Tom swarmed all over Corbett in the fourth round and a weary champion slumped onto his stool at the end of the round. Referee Frank Carr called the bout a draw, but the verdict met with noisy disapproval from the crowd. Almost unanimously it was conceded that Sharkey had won.

His sensational showing prompted Tom to demand a championship match. While negotiations were pending, Sharkey decided to make a trip east and visit New York.

It was in Jimmy Wakeley's saloon, a popular hangout for sporting celebrities, that Sharkey was introduced to John L. Sullivan. The old champion was pretty much down on his luck and plans were being made to stage a benefit for him in Madison Square Garden. Sharkey offered his services and it was arranged to have him and John L. box a three-round exhibition as the feature of the program. The show, held August 31, proved a big success and netted $10,000 for Sullivan.

Sharkey and his retinue remained in New York several weeks longer, then headed back to San Francisco. When they arrived they learned that Bob Fitzsimmons had been bidding for a title match with Corbett.

With Sharkey and Fitz both clamoring for cracks at Corbett, a match between them became a "natural," and on December 2 the rivals hooked up in Mechanics Pavilion. Nearly 20,000 mortals jammed into the building, while thousands of others, unable to gain admittance, milled around outside, awaiting the result of one of the hottest

Once bitter rivals, Sharkey and Jeff became firm friends in later life and made frequent personal appearance tours Here they are seen (Sharkey left) doing a publicity stunt for a Portland, Ore., newspaper.

fighting fights in 'Frisco's history.

THE start of the bout was delayed by a wrangle over the referee. Fitz was so positive he could win, regardless of who officiated, that he finally agreed to accept Sharkey's choice, Wyatt Earp, the notorious gun-fighter.

The battle ended suddenly, amid wild confusion and excitement, when Fitz, after apparently knocking Sharkey out in the eighth, was disqualified by Earp for "fouling." Going into that round, Fitz was winning, but he seemed to be tiring, while Sharkey was still strong and dangerous. Midway through the eighth, Fitz nailed the ex-sailor with a terrific right to the chin. Tom's legs buckled and he started to fall. Fitz stepped in quickly with a vicious left hook to the body. (It was the same shot that became celebrated as the "solar plexus punch" when Fitz won the title with it three and a half months later.)

Sharkey collapsed to the canvas. Earp started to count, but when he realized that Tom was finished, he stopped and announced that Fitz had been ruled out for "hitting low." He claimed that during the fight Ruby Robert had been guilty of several punches below the deadline, and that the final shot had unquestionably been a foul.

The ensuing ruckus really was something to behold. Fitz's supporters howled "robbery!" and only the presence of the police averted a probable riot. Fitz, charging Earp had been in cahoots with a gambling clique, protested the payment of the winner's $10,000 purse to Sharkey, and demanded an investigation. Sharkey carried the case to court and was awarded the money.

As official winner of what had been advertised as an elimination bout, Sharkey demanded the match with Corbett, but public sympathy was with Fitzsimmons, and it was the spindly-legged Cornishman who faced Gentleman Jim for the title in Carson City, New., on March 17, 1897.

SHARKEY waited until after that fight before resuming his own career. In his first start he was held to a draw in eight rounds by Jim Williams, husky hometown favorite, in Salt Lake City. After knocking out Joe Goddard, the Australian, in the sixth stanza in San Francisco, Sharkey headed east to meet the fragile-chinned, but dangerous, Peter Maher at the Palace Athletic Club in New York. The bout ended in a wrangle when the rivals kept fighting after the bell in the seventh round, and the police intervened. The decision went into the records as a draw.

Sharkey's next venture was a visit to his native Ireland. While there, he fought three times, but the opposition wasn't much, and Tom didn't waste any time disposing of it. In his old home town of Dundalk he stiffened a Tom Parks in one round, and did the same to a Joe Craig in Belfast. He had to toil a bit longer in Wren Point where a Pat McCourt lasted into the second.

Hopping over to Liverpool, to get a ship back to the United States, Sharkey took time out to polish off a local heavy, Punch Vaughn, in three rounds. That ended Tom's activities for 1897.

Returning to San Francisco, Sharkey met Joe Choynski in a return eight-rounder. The verdict was a draw.

Then came the first of Tom's two battles with the powerful Jim Jeffries. It was in Mechanics Pavilian on May 6, 1898, and after twenty bruising rounds Referee Alex Greggains awarded the decision to Jeff. (It was the first verdict ever given against Sharkey, and the bout also marked Tom's last fight in a San Francisco ring.)

Heading eastward again, Sharkey met up with Gus Ruhlin in Coney Island on June 29, and turned in a sensational one-round triumph over the Akron giant. With the fight only two minutes old, Tom reached up with a ponderous right to Ruhlin's chin, and the big fellow collapsed for the full count.

BOXING circles were still buzzing with Sharkey's stunning performance when Corbett announced his decision to return to the ring and campaign for his lost laurels. Jim hadn't fought since his disastrous affair with Fitzsimmons, a year and half before, but he'd been training steadily, was in superb condition, and ready for any of the ranking big fellows. The Lenox Club in New York promptly offered him Sharkey as an opponent. Jim hadn't forgotten his rough experience with Tom in San Francisco, and didn't seem too eager for another meeting with the burly ex-sailor, but he finally accepted terms.

The bout, held November 22, ended in confusion and a near-riot during the ninth round. With his clever boxing, Corbett piled up a big early lead, but tired as the fight progressed, and the durable Sharkey was beginning to make things unpleasant for him. Corbett was warned in the ninth for hitting low, and a few seconds later, while the fighters were in a clinch, one of Jim's seconds, Jim McVey, suddenly scrambled into the ring. The referee, "Honest John" Kelly, promptly disqualified Corbett.

Kid McCoy, who had seen the fight, challenged Sharkey, and the Lenox Club arranged the match for January 10, 1899.

Former welterweight and middleweight champion, now battling the big fellows, McCoy not only was a clever boxer and dangerous puncher but one of the trickiest strategists in the ring. With all his skill and wiles, however, he found Sharkey too strong and boisterous. Shaking off the best shots McCoy could fire at him, Tom slam-banged his way through the Kid's defenses and knocked him out in the tenth.

Three weeks later Sharkey ambled along to Philadelphia to flatten Jack McCormick in the second.

More than ten months elapsed before Tom fought again—and then it was to meet Jeffries in their historic episode at Coney Island, five months after Jeff, in the same ring, had taken the heavyweight title from Fitzsimmons.

SHARKEY was reported to have suffered a couple of cracked ribs in that battle, but the damage couldn't have been as serious as rumor had it, for two months later Tom started on a busy 1900 campaign and netted himself six straight knockouts in five months. He halted Joe Goddard in four rounds in Philadelphia, Jim Jeffords in two in Detroit, Jim McCormick in one in Hartford, his old rival Joe Choynski in two in Chicago, and Yank Kenny in one in New York.

Despite his winning run, however, there were signs of decline setting in. Maybe that gruelling brawl with Jeff really had taken something out of Sharkey. Proof was forthcoming on June 26 when Tom lost a fifteen-round decision to Gus Ruhlin in the same Coney Island ring where he had flattened the Akron giant so quickly two years before.

Two months after losing to Ruhlin, Sharkey suffered an even more decisive setback when, also in Coney Island, he was knocked out in the second round by Fitzsimmons.

Tom faded rapidly after that. He boxed only twice in 1901, both times in Colorado, stopping a Fred Russell in four rounds in Denver but losing to Mexican Pete Everett on a first-round disqualification in Cripple Creek. In 1902, he boxed a no-decision three-rounder with Peter Maher in Philadelphia, then journeyed to England to complete in the gala boxing carnival staged in June as part of the coronation celebration for King Edward VII. His opponent was Ruhlin again, and this time Sharkey was battered into a knockout in the eleventh round.

Tom made one final try February 26, 1904, but quit the ring in disgust when he was outpointed by the clumsy Montana miner, Jack Munroe, in a six-rounder in Philadelphia.

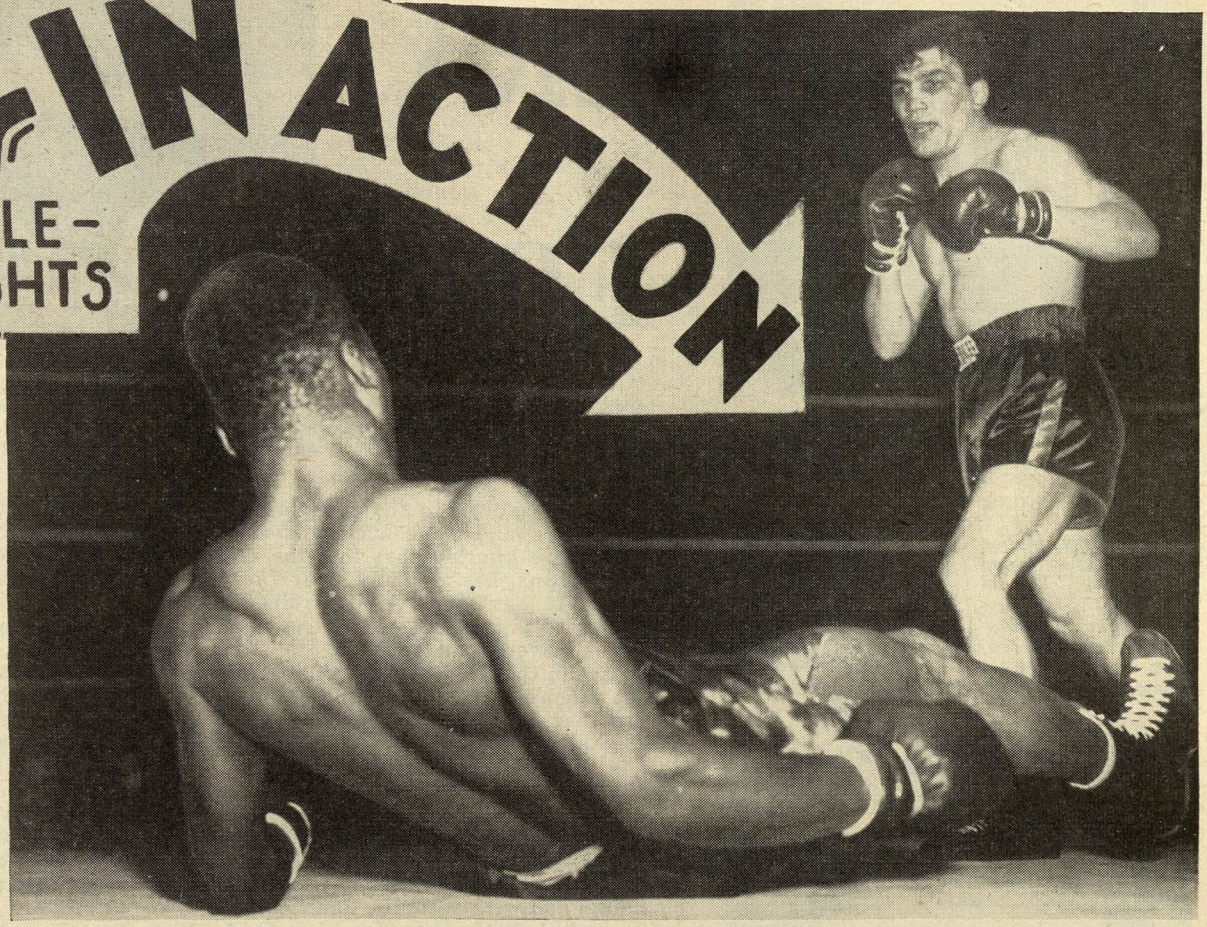
THOUGH he fought in an era long before million-dollar gates, when purses were comparatively small by today's standards, Sharkey was reputedly worth nearly $100,000 when he hung up the mittens. He bought himself a palatial house in the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn, became the owner of a stable of prominent trotting horses, and opened a saloon in East 14th Street, when Union Square was the heart of New York's gay entertainment world.

Sharkey did a thriving business for a while with his saloon, which became a popular rendezvous for the sporting crowds and curious sightseers. In time, however, the place became infested with less desirable elements, and after repeated run-ins with the police, Tom had his license revoked.

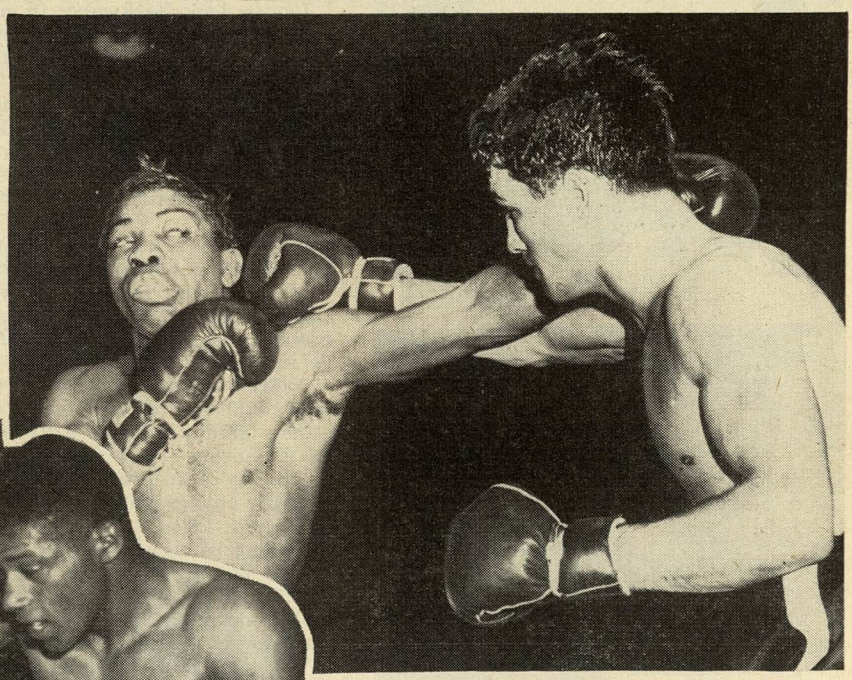
With the loss of the saloon and a series of poor investments in other ventures, Sharkey's once-substantial fortune slowly evaporated. Eventually, Tom drifted back to California, where he and Jefferies teamed up for a while in vaudeville and personal appearance tours. In recent years, until illness laid him low, Tom worked as a guard at race tracks.

IN ACTION

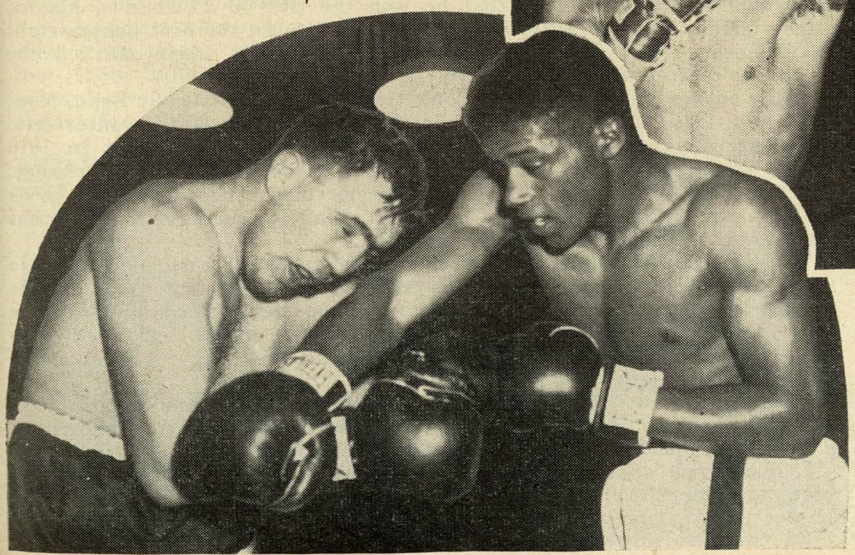
MIDDLE-WEIGHTS



Claude Milazzo, French Tunisian, drops Norman Hayes in a daze in the seventh round of their bout at Paris won by Milazzo after ten sessions. Hayes was on the canvas twice during the contest.



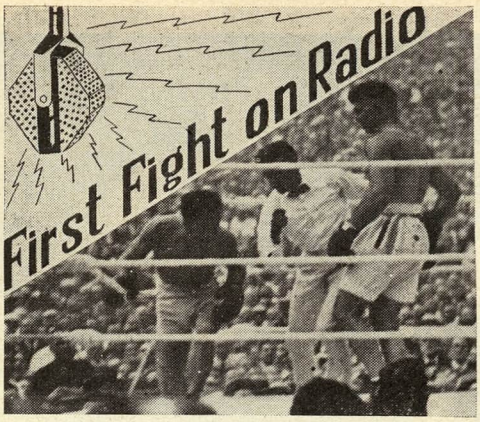
Buffalo, N. Y., saw its local pride, Joey Giambra (right), win a unanimous ten-round decision from Danny Womber of Chicago. Womber seen missing left as Joey connects with right. In his next fight Womber redeemed himself by winning decision over Kid Gavilan, the welterweight champ of world.



Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N. Y., 19-year-old Olympic winner (right), tees off on Dick Wagner of Toppenish, Wash. It was a grazing right to the head with left about to follow. Patterson won the ten-round decision at the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn.

ERA by ERA

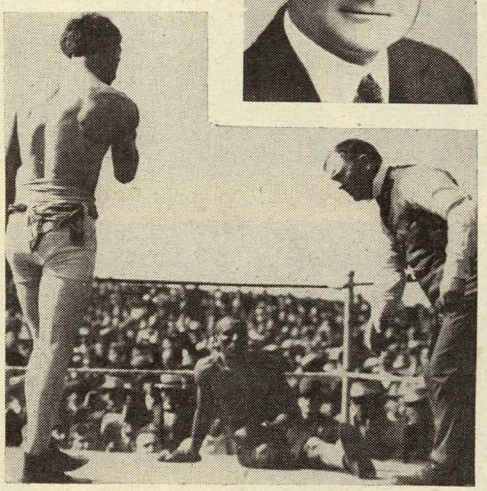
By AL BUCK



Era of the Airwaves. First major championship fight to be radio broadcasted was the Dempsey-Carpentier bout at Boyle's Thirty Acres, July 2, 1921.

Era of the Microwaves. Bobo Olson (left) and Dave Sands were hooked up for the first nationally televised boxing match, emanating from the Chicago Stadium, October 3, 1951.

Era of the Million Dollar Gates began with Tex Rickard (right). His first promotion was the Gans-Nelson fight (below) at Goldfield, Nev., September 3, 1906.



The Joe Louis Era started the night he took the title from Jimmy Braddock (above, right) in Chicago on June 22, 1937, and extended almost a dozen years with the aid of the powerful promoter, Mike Jacobs (right).

BOXING belongs to the ages. The art was known to the Greeks and Romans, and since ancient times the sport has progressed through the bare knuckle days into the television era. The game has had its ups and downs, has assumed many faces, and has been both outlawed and legalized. It has survived its trials and lived through its tribulations. Although it has many foes, its friends are found all over the world. Boxing's appeal is universal and ageless.

We are in the TV age. This was pointed up sharply and painfully by the recent Jimmy Carter-Tom Collins donnybrook. It is not my intention to review that unhappy event except to observe that at no other time would the brutal aspects of the fight have brought such a violent protest. Indeed this is the TV era as we are living it, just as it is also the era of Jim Norris, who has introduced chain store methods into fistic promotion.

Norris controls big arenas in several cities, and has working agreements with several others, but his empire, unlike those of Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs before him, is based on a modern method of communication unknown to Tex, and barely dreamed of by Uncle Mike. Times are changing, and with them the fight game.

Let us look backward, if only for a moment. John L. Sullivan was the last of the bare knuckle champions. He is also the first heavyweight champion to lose the title under Marquis of Queensberry Rules. When he was knocked out by James J. Corbett in 21 rounds at New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1892, John L. spanned the invisible gap between the past and the present.

Sullivan made a tremendous impression, and today has become a legend. He has been the subject of many books, including an excellent biography by Nat Fleischer, publisher of *The Ring* Magazine. Corbett is generally regarded as the father of scientific boxing. He ushered in a new era.

EACH period has had its law, or lack of one. The death of James J. Jeffries and Tom Sharkey in recent months recalls their famous 25-round battle at Coney Island on Nov. 3, 1899. This was fought during the Horton Law period. The Horton Law just made boxing legal. There was no commission, no limit to the number of rounds, and only one official, the referee.

Jeffries always referred to his fight with Sharkey as his greatest, but it was from Bob Fitzsimmons that he won the title in 11 rounds, also at Coney Island, on June 9, 1899. This is believed to be the first heavyweight championship bout filmed for the movies. That in itself marked the beginning of an era.

Oddly enough it was Jack Johnson's triumph over Jeffries at Reno, Nev., on July 4, 1910, that caused the Federal Government to ban the inter-state shipment of fight pictures. As we have said times change, but in 1910 people objected to seeing a Negro knockout a white man. Times do change, and for the better, and while people were horrified at seeing Carter knock Collins down 10 times on their TV sets, no point was made of the fact that Carter was a Negro, and Collins was white.

The ban on fight films, that is the transportation of such pictures, was not lifted until Franklin D. Roosevelt's first administration. A fellow named James A. Farley was appointed Postmaster General by the new President. He happened to be the former chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission. He used his influence with the Congress to have the law repealed.

The recent Rocky Marciano-Jersey Joe Walcott heavyweight title fight at Chicago was filmed in three dimensions. It is now being shown at theaters equipped to handle this new type of motion picture.

Johnson was champion during the so-called White Hope era. White supremacy was the cry in that unhappy age. Anybody weighing 180 pounds or more, just so he was white, became a White Hope. Few of them could fight, but naturally there were exceptions. Outstanding was Luther Mc-

Carthy, who claimed the championship of America while Johnson, a fugitive from justice, was in exile abroad. McCarthy met his death in the ring, killed in a bout with Arthur Pelkey. His death emphasizes that tragedy has been present in boxing in every age.

In our time modern medical equipment and skill has been organized to combat ring injuries and fatalities. New York's medical advisory board, headed by Dr. Mal Stevens, former Yale athlete, and football coach, has done much to cut down ring fatalities. Life is uncertain at best and boxing is a violent sport. Unfortunately, this hazard cannot be eliminated entirely.

Gunboat Smith knocked out Pelkey in 15 rounds to win the American championship, but Jess Willard, the Kansas Cowboy, beat him to the title chance. World War I forced Johnson to quit Europe. He fled to Havana, where on April 5, 1915, he was knocked out in 26 rounds by Willard. With Johnson's defeat the White Hope era came to an end.

When Joe Louis knocked out James J. Braddock in eight rounds at Chicago on June 22, 1937, nobody raised the color issue. Many heavyweights tried to take the title from the Brown Bomber, but it mattered not whether they were white or black. When Louis surrendered the crown at the Yankee Stadium on Sept. 27, 1950, it was to Ezzard Charles, a Negro.

If boxing had its disgraceful White Hope era, it was also the first major sport to eliminate racial discrimination.

THE Horton Law died in 1900, and fistic activities shifted to California. Sunny Jim Coffroth was the promoter out there. What followed might even be called the Coffroth era. He had great fighters to work with—Jeff, Corbett, Fitz, Battling Nelson, Joe Rivers, Joe Gans, Abe Attell, and many others.

Big money came into boxing with Rickard. A gambler in Goldfield, Nev., Tex first attracted attention when he put up a purse of $30,000 in gold for the Nelson-Gans fight. This historic battle was fought on Sept. 3, 1906. It lasted 42 rounds, and Gans was the winner on a foul. Rickard's next promotion was the Johnson-Jeffries fight at Reno.

After the Horton Law, boxing existed in New York, and in many other places, on the club membership plan. Bill Brown, later a boxing commissioner, ran one such club known as Brown's gymnasium. The fighters and the spectators were all supposed to be members of the club.

Some times the police raided the clubs. More often the cops looked the other way on fight night. It was much like prohibition. Boxing was on the sneak. Although illegal it was tolerated. What a far cry to the present era when boxing is brought into the homes, via television, six nights a week.

In 1911 the Frawley Law made boxing in New York legal again. It provided for 10-round no-decision fights. The idea was to eliminate gambling. Instead it encouraged stalling and other evils. Champions were not above carrying opponents, knowing they couldn't lose their titles unless they were knocked out. Wagers were made on decisions rendered by sports writers.

When fights were held out of town managers would race each other to the telegraph office to wire sports editors that their fighter had won in 10 rounds. Often sports editors received two telegrams, each manager claiming victory for his boy.

In Brooklyn on April 7, 1914, Al McCoy became middleweight champion by knocking out George Chip in a round. It was an accident perhaps, but McCoy had a strong chin, and an awkward southpaw style. He hung onto the title in a series of no-decision bouts. The newspaper decision usually went to McCoy's opponent, but he retained the championship.

It wasn't until Nov. 14, 1917, that Mike O'Dowd succeeded in knocking out McCoy in six rounds.

Worthy of note is that during the no-decision era Benny Leonard became lightweight champion by knocking out Freddie Welsh in nine rounds.

WILLARD came to the heavyweight throne during the no-decision era in the United States. His two title defenses against Frank Moran in New York and Jack Dempsey in Toledo were no-decision bouts. In both instances Tex Rickard was the promoter. Boxing's Golden Age was born when Dempsey knocked out Willard in three rounds on July 4, 1919.

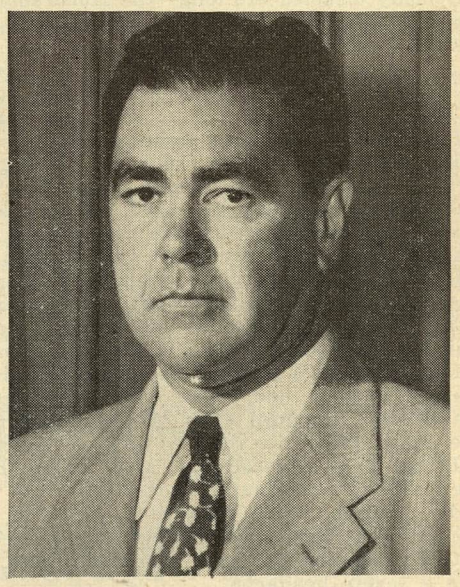
With the hard-hitting and colorful Dempsey exciting fans everywhere, Rickard built Boyle's Thirty Acres, a big wooden bowl in Jersey City. There Dempsey and Georges Carpentier drew boxing's first million dollar gate—$1,789,238—on July 2, 1921. It was the financial success of this venture that enabled Rickard to interest his "600 millionaires" in building the present Madison Square Garden. That and the passage of the Walker Boxing Law.

The Walker Law, fathered by the late Mayor James J. Walker, provided for two judges and a referee, and a 15-round limit. The law is still in force, and has been copied by nearly every state. Governing power rests in the hands of three commissioners.

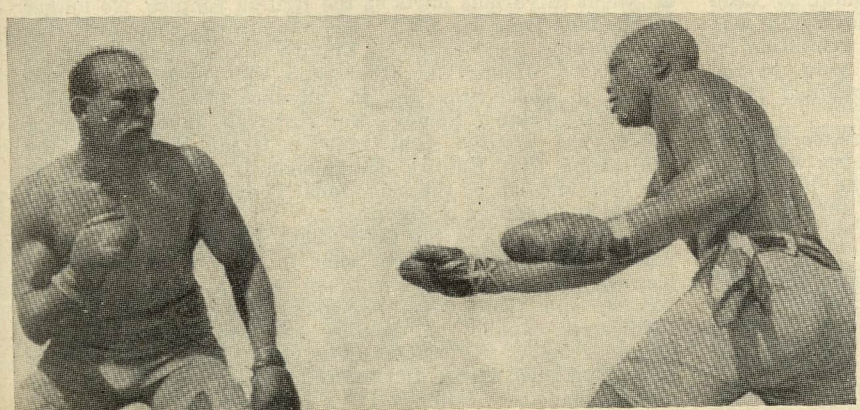
The Dempsey-Carpentier fight was the first heavyweight championship to be broadcast on radio. It marked the beginning of the radio era, although it remained for Mike Jacobs, acting on a suggestion by Fleischer, to put the medium to profitable use.

World War II delayed the arrival of television as a popular medium. Norris is now in command, and his International Boxing Club telecasts two shows a week.

WITH boxing legalized throughout the Nation, the National Boxing Association was created. Through the cooperation of Robert K. Christenberry, now chairman of the New York Commission, a Board of Review has been established. It consists of Christenberry as chairman; George Barton, president of the N.B.A., and Abe J. Greene, N.B.A. Commissioner.



The Norris Era, symbolized by networks of TV stations and chain-store fights in arenas throughout the country.



The White Hope Era. Jim Jeffries (left) came out of retirement in an attempt to regain the heavyweight title and was blasted into defeat by Jack Johnson (right). This Era ended on April 5, 1915, when Jess Willard stopped Jack Johnson in Havana, Cuba, in 26 rounds.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Whitewashing job is termed abominable

Africa develops top-ranking fighters

Ring fatalities are reaching new high

IN whitewashing Referee Rawson for his abominable handling of the Carter-Collins fight, the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission showed a lack of understanding of its duties as a legislative body. The members proved themselves a body of partial citizens who, like the inefficient referee who was upbraided by millions of fight fans throughout the country, can see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil when it comes to protecting the Commonwealth which they represent from abuse. When such executives ask why the public and the press condemn the action of an official for permitting a fighter to be downed ten times when many other contests, including championship bouts in the past, had almost as many or more knockdowns without such a flareup, it fails to take into consideration the fact that conditions vary. When the big hulk of Luis Firpo, Jess Willard and Primo Carnera hit the canvas, they were less apt to suffer serious injury such as a frail person can sustain.

Let's not have any more of such terrible exhibitions. Let's have uniform boxing rules that will bring the medical advisor into the ring to examine a lad who was in such pitiful condition as was Tommy Collins. Despite the fact that he went dancing after the affair to prove his "gameness", and went on a national television hookup to "prove" to the world that he was not injured by his experiences, one cannot as yet tell what the outcome of his knockdowns and shellacking will eventually lead to.

Let's hope for the best, but Tommy Collins, from my experiences, will never be the fighter Boston touted him to be, especially after the beating he took. He'll not only be gun shy if he continues to fight, but he will find himself physically disabled ere long—the Honorable Massachusetts State Boxing Commission, Mr. Rawson and Tommy Collins notwithstanding.

George Barton (right), president of the NBA, receives a special trophy from the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service in winning national recognition for his city. Gerald L. Moore, president of the Chamber of Commerce, makes the presentation.

INCIDENTALLY it is interesting to note how brave a man Tommy Rawson is. In fact he's far gamer as a fight referee than he was as a fighter.

In Boston he permitted Collins to take a gamble with the Grim Reaper, but when Rawson fought Bob Montgomery in Philadelphia on June 21, 1939, he was accused by the boxing board of quitting. He didn't mind seeing Collins take ten flops to the canvas, but when he took one shot on the chin from Montgomery, he went down, then rested on his knee while taking the full count in the opening round.

For this performance he was called to account by Leon Rains, Chairman of the Boxing Board of Pennsylvania, who held up Rawson's purse. Tommy excused his exhibition by stating that he had severe pains. He had gone to the Hahnemann Hosptial after the bout and remained there overnight. Rains then released Rawson's purse.

In the fight, Montgomery, after cuffing Rawson around the ring for two minutes, drove him to the ropes with two body punches. Then followed a right to the head and Tommy went down and remained on his knee until counted out. He said that the head punch had dazed him and given him a severe headache.

If one punch could do that to a lightweight who had considerable experience, then I wonder what Rawson must have been thinking about when he let Carter smash blows to head, body and jaw to cause Collins to hit the deck ten times! Yes, Tommy Rawson, I wonder!

The statement of Collins on radio and television, "my only complaint with the referee is that he stopped the fight too soon. I was still fighting back," is not the way millions of fans throughout the country and those within the Garden arena saw it. In the third and fourth rounds he was so helpless he must have been in a coma if he thinks he was fighting back. He was either on his back or floundering while the assault went on. The whitewashing of Rawson by the Commission was on a par with Rawson's performance.

ENGLAND has much to worry about with the rise of top talent in various parts of the British Empire. No longer do the lads from the Tight Isles have things their own way in cornering the market on Empire boxing championships. The rise of Jimmy Carruthers and Vic Toweel, his predecessor, to world titles and the advance towards such high laurels by Yolande Pompee, Roy Ankarah, Jake Tuli among others has aroused fight fans in Great Britain to the realization that Empire championships no longer are at the beck-and-call of the home lads. They must fight hard to uphold the prestige of the past.

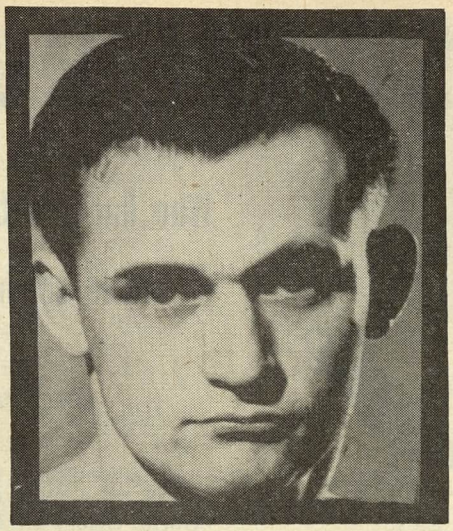
South Africa and the Gold Coast are developing boxers who in recent months have come to the fore in leaps and bounds. They not only have taken the play away from the British and Continental European pugilists but proved themselves capable of tackling the world's best in the divisions below the welterweight class. Many of the boys from Northern Africa and the Gold Coast have in the past months made the headlines. It's a good sign for international

boxing.

One of the best of the recent arrivals is Leslie McKenzie, a welterweight from South Africa, who bears watching. The reports received by *The Ring* indicate that he not only is a fine prospect but has the making of a champion. Another boy who is rapidly advancing to a challenger's post for Empire honors is Jimmy Elliott of Johannesburg, one of the best middleweight prospects developed in South Africa in some time.

THERE seems no halting the Grim Reaper. He's determined to make 1953 a record year for deaths in the ring.

With only four months gone, eleven fatalities have been rolled up, seven among amateurs and four in the professional ranks. None of the deaths were suffered by veterans. The latest to pass out of the picture was Dick Miller of Worcester, Mass., who died a few minutes after he received a hard stomach blow in a scheduled six-round bout.



Richard (Dick) Miller, 23-year-old welterweight from Warren, Mass., became the eleventh fatality in world boxing during 1953 when he died between rounds of his bout with James Brown at Worcester, Mass.

His opponent was Jimmy Brown of Hartford, Conn., and the bout took place in Mechanics Hall. Miller had won all of his previous twelve bouts but of the dozen, ten were in what is commonly known throughout the New England States as semi-pro contests. The fatal bout was only Miller's second as a legitimate professional.

Are there any remedies in boxing which have not already been tried that can put a halt to the terrible situation in a sport that is so widely followed? If so, let's have them. No worthwhile suggestion should be tossed aside. Perhaps the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission has a solution. The world-at-large is awaiting word from the Bay State officials.

JONSLOW FANE, Chairman of the British Board of Boxing Control, lost his keen battle to have the British Government offer tax relief to the boxing promoters so that the small clubs would not be driven to the wall. The Tax Board of Appeal, though it lifted the burden on cricket by eliminating the tax, refused to act on behalf of boxing. From August 16 of last year, the boxing promoters have had to pay an extra 16 per cent entertainment tax. Thus, close to one-third of the gate of every promotion has gone for taxes. The Boxing Promoter's Association, fearing the death knell of the sports so far as small clubs are concerned, has decided to carry on another appeal to Parliament.

The threat of small-time boxing has become more acute and has the British Board of Boxing Control considerably worried. With the hopes of the tax relief dashed, there is little inducement for small clubs to carry on.

THE statement of Robert K. Christenberry, Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, in which he told an Atlantic City sports gathering that if Jersey Joe Walcott should win the world heavyweight title and decide to continue boxing, he would obtain a license in New York despite the fact that he would then be beyond the age limit set by New York rules, indicated that Fighting Bob is prepared to bury the hatchet and make peace with Felix Bocchicchio, manager of Jersey Joe.

"Rules aren't laws," said Christenberry. "They can be altered to fit situations. Right now a man over forty can't fight in our state. But if at some future time, as in the case of Walcott, a fighter beyond that age should apply for a license to continue boxing, he would be permitted to do so if our medical examiners thought him fit to carry on without danger of injury. It would be an easy matter to amend our rule."

With more and more veterans coming back in boxing, the Christenberry statement was well received in boxing circles. Particularly were the managers and boxers interested to know that Fighting Bob is prepared to cast aside rules that he thinks are obsolete or which would not fit into a desired program.

THE death of Tom Sharkey in San Francisco, following so closely that of his friend, James J. Jeffries, leaves only a handful of the Old Guard of Pugilism remaining with us. One by one the venerable gladiators of an age when the field was loaded with stars in all classes have passed into the Great Beyond.

Who among us, whose knowledge of boxing extends far beyond the present era, can help but to look down upon the present crop of heavyweights as a mediocre lot compared to those who fought so gallantly, with a thrill in almost every round, in days when Big Jim and Sailor Boy Tom were in their prime? What a promoter wouldn't give to have such ring stalwarts to work with today! But those giants belong to the misty, swashbuckling past.

Old Tom was the last survivor of an era in which the greatest heavyweights in the history of boxing made ring history. His fights with Jeffries, Fitzsimmons and Corbett, three world titleholders, and those with Joe Choynski, Peter Maher and Gus Ruhlin, brought out in Sharkey the fighting qualities that endeared him to the fans, particularly to the Sons of Erin. He was their idol, the man who revived the interest in boxing in Ireland that was responsible for producing many Irish fistic stars. His fists were like iron.

Another age in pugilism had come to an end with the deaths of James J. Jeffries and Thomas Sharkey. Pals in life in which they each enjoyed the sweet and the bitter, they have passed from this world to a new abode, to live in everlasting peace in Valhalla.

GEORGE BARTON, president of the National Boxing Association, has been showered with honors since the Boxing Writers' Association of New York awarded him the James J. Walker trophy. The famed sports writer for the *Minneapolis Tribune*, who has covered the sports beat for the past half century, received a special award from the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service in winning national recognition for his city. Gerald L. Moore, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presented the award. Barton is the first sports writer to be so honored.

No finer sportsman could be so honored. Barton rates tops among the sports critics of America.

Two days before flying to France for the European Boxing Union convention, the Old Timer Boxers' Association of Atlantic City, New Jersey, honored *The Ring* Editor with a trophy, "symbolic of your outstanding achievements in fostering the cause of professional boxing throughout the world." The Mayor presented me with the Key to Atlantic City and made me an honorary City detective.

The Ring museum is rapidly outgrowing its space.

The Old Timers are doing a swell job in Atlantic City for juvenile delinquency. Jersey Joe Walcott is a charter member. The affair was in charge of Neil Lang, former light-heavyweight boxer, who is now the city's leading television distributor.

DANIEL F. MORGAN is a short, skinny and pious-looking character who has been studying, managing and advising fighters for more than 50 years. To the trade he is known as the not-so-very Dumb Dan, the man of a million words.

His rollicking tale, which dates back to the golden days of boxing in California is reviewed in a new book, "Dumb Dan" by Dan Morgan as told to John McCallum, brought out by the Tedson Publishing Co., New York, N. Y.

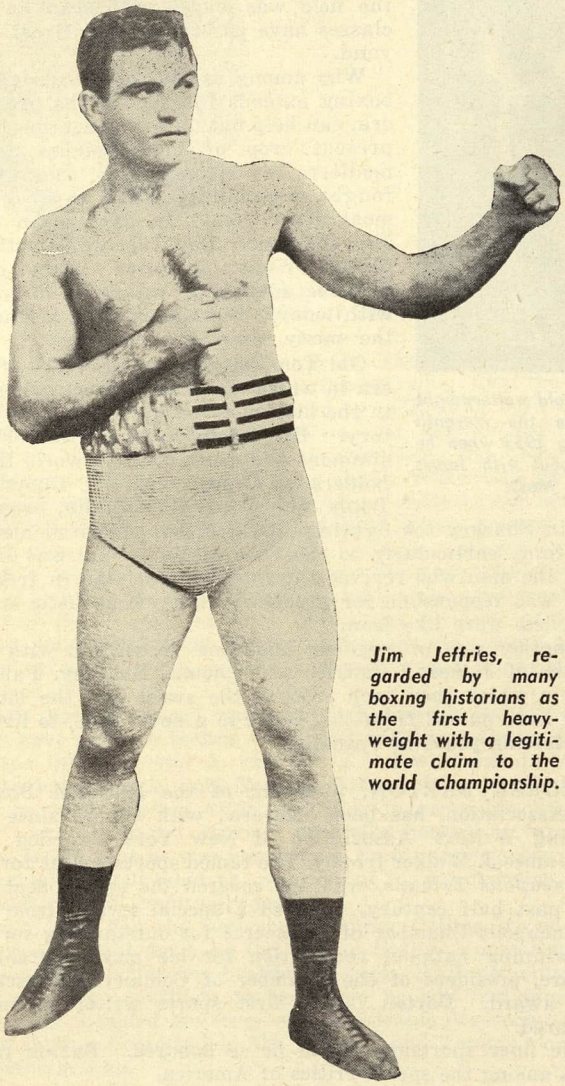
Dan, one of the few survivors of the "good old days," has countless anecdotes of the great and ordinary fighters of the past half century and, as everyone who knows him will admit, he doesn't mind telling them.

Morgan managed such fighters as K. O. Brown, Jack Britton, welterweight champion, and Battling Levinsky.

JEFF FIRST WORLD KING?

Who had the better claim to being first world champ—Sullivan or Jeff?

By DANIEL M. DANIEL



Jim Jeffries, regarded by many boxing historians as the first heavyweight with a legitimate claim to the world championship.

JIM JEFFRIES' death not so long ago revived an old controversy having to do with the genealogy of the heavyweight championship.

Who was boxing's first champion of the world?

American historians have long had a tendency to give recognition to John L. Sullivan. But sticklers for historical accuracy point out that Sullivan actually was only American champion, and never established his right to the world title. John L. persistently declined the issue with the Australian, Peter Jackson, who was recognized as holder of the British Empire laurels.

John L.'s 39-round draw in Chantilly, France, with England's much smaller and lighter Charley Mitchell certainly is of no help to those who would persist in calling the Boston Strong Boy a world champion.

If one is to be guided by fancy rather than fact, he might go for the claim that America's John C. Heenan, the Benecia Boy, was the first king of the fistic universe. Nearly a century ago, Heenan travelled to England to meet the English champion, Tom Sayers. The record books list the result as a draw, but so many contradictory accounts of that bout make it difficult to determine exactly what happened. It would appear, however, that Heenan actually won—or, at least, should have been declared the winner. Sayers' gang repeatedly broke into the ring when it looked as though he would be knocked out. The fight finally ended in disorder and confusion in the forty-second round.

Going back ahead of the Heenan-Sayers episode, to the era immediately following the American Revolution, one could label Tom Cribb as the first real champion of the world. Cribb, the English champion, whipped two American rivals, Bill Richmond and Tom Molyneaux. Those bouts were the first important international prizefights ever held. By his victories over the Americans—both Negroes, by the way—Cribb actually became the first world champion, though the fistic "world" was a limited sort of thing in those days. Boxing was popular in England, but in the United States it was helter-skelter, undisciplined stuff until Jacob Hyer, of New York, came along a few decades before the Civil War. Hyer claimed, and was generally recognized, as American champion, and years later he became part of ring history's only father-and-son combination to boast of titular status, when his offspring, Tom, also earned championship recognition.

BY the time John L. Sullivan arrived on the scene, prizefighting was expanding not only in America but in other lands. Australia was becoming prominent in the sport, and successful efforts had been started to establish the game in South Africa and on the European continent.

The old bare-knuckle era of the London Prize Ring Rules gave way to glove-fighting under the new Marquis of Queensberry code, and the first big match was the Sullivan-James J. Corbett meeting in New Orleans on September 7, 1892. Corbett stopped the aging, bloated Sullivan in the twenty-first round.

Americans immediately proclaimed Corbett as "world" champion, but, actually, Gentleman Jim succeeded only to Sullivan's American laurels.

Before he beat Sullivan, Corbett fought a sixty-one-round draw with Peter Jackson, in San Francisco. But he never would meet Jackson again, and Jim had no legitimate claim to the world title while Peter, the British Empire champion, was still around and challenging him.

Corbett did try to strengthen his claim to the international laurels by taking on Sullivan's old rival, Charley Mitchell, and knocking him out in Jacksonville, Fla. But the truth of the matter was that Mitchell, never much more than a middleweight at best, and now an aging veteran, was NOT the British champion.

With the advent of Bob Fitzsimmons, and his knockout of Corbett in Carson City on March 17, 1897, the heavyweight title took on a real international flavor, but even Fitz wasn't able to offer a convincing argument to support his claim to the world championship. The lanky Cornishman, who started his fighting career in New Zealand and Australia, was the world middleweight king when he whipped Corbett, but he did not hold the heavyweight title of any nation. The British Empire champion still was Peter Jackson, and Fitz wanted no part of him.

JEFFRIES was the first heavyweight to establish a reasonable claim to the world championship. For one thing, on his way to the title, Jeff knocked out Jackson in three rounds in San Francisco. True, Peter was well beyond his prime, away from ring competition for several years, softened by easy living and in the early stages of tuberculosis. But he still was British Empire champion, and it was a tremendous feather in Jeff's fistic chapeau to dispose of him so decisively.

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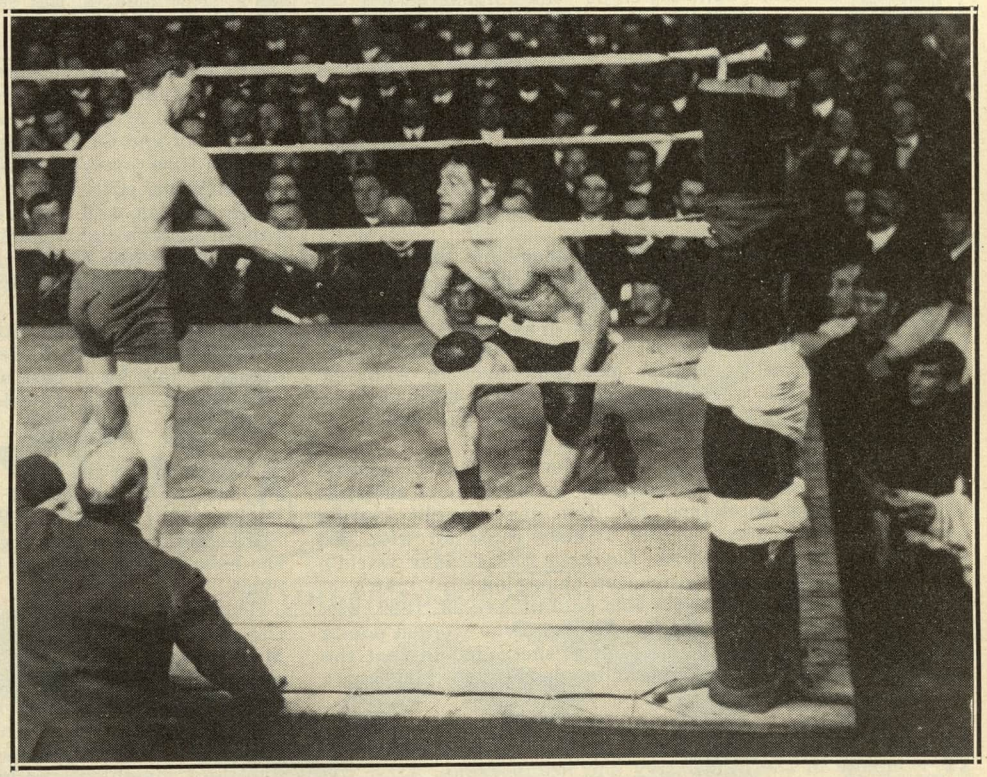
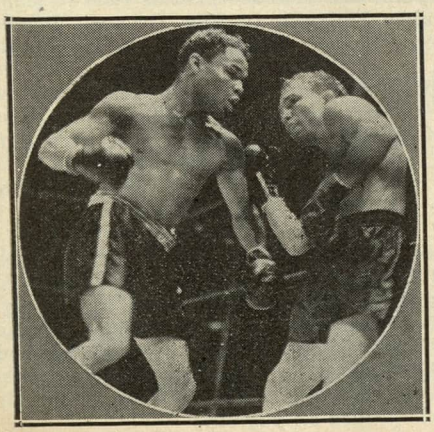
In the Old Timers' Album

John L. Sullivan, the Thespian. Many early day fighters took to the stage and John L. starred in a number of plays, most notable being, "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands." He is seen here striking various poses as he studies his lines at Hempstead, New York.



The dark-haired, handsome Irish wizard of the ring, Jem Driscoll, is seen floored in the fourth round of his memorable battle with Freddie Welsh at the Cardiff Skating Rink in 1910. Driscoll, giving away weight and age, was disqualified in the 10th round by Referee Peggy Bettinson for butting in a clinch. At the announcement, seconds of both men stormed the ring and a riot ensued.



Lou Ambers, (right) shatters ring precedent by recapturing the world lightweight title at Yankee Stadium, August 22, 1939. Henry Armstrong, who had taken the crown from him the year before, lost five rounds on fouls.

Freddy Welsh, (left) former lightweight champion, visits the French aspirant for Jack Dempsey's heavyweight title, Georges Carpentier, at the latter's training camp at Summit, N. J., on September 29, 1920.

U. S. TITLE REVIVAL

By TED CARROLL

FOR the first time in many years an "American championship" will be taken seriously when Paddy Young and Bobo Olson meet to decide who'll be the U. S. representative to face the winner of the Turpin-Humez middleweight match in London this month. In other countries national titleholders are big stuff, and an honor eagerly sought, but in the States, the world's kingpin is so often an American it automatically takes care of the national crown as well.

A lot of punches have been thrown in rings the world over since any notice was taken of a U. S. champion even though little Pappy Gault of South Carolina lays claim to the American bantamweight championship at the moment. Many die-hard historians still swear that old John L. Sullivan was never any thing more than the American champion, a claim of some merit since he never met British Empire champions Frank Slavin or Peter Jackson. That is an unending argument which will probably last until doomsday.

The only time an American champion ever receives passing notice is when the world's titleholder is a foreigner who is either hard to beat or hard to lure into a title match.

THREE decades ago Gene Tunney made his first bid for fame after being dubbed the American light-heavyweight champion. Tunney had been winning consistently since returning from overseas after World War I but he hadn't been causing any overflow of excitement with either press or public. Georges Carpentier had come over to America and had taken the world's light-heavyweight title back to France with him via a four-round kayo over the champion, Battling Levinsky, in Jersey City in 1920.

With the Glamour Boy of the Boulevards back home still nursing the wounds of the Dempsey mismatch and showing little disposition to defend his light-heavyweight laurels by 1922, the wiseacres behind Tunney came up with the idea of matching Gene with Levinsky the former world's titlist, and calling it an "American championship" match.

The Tunney-Levinsky bout held on January 23, 1922, was far from an artistic triumph for Tunney, who won on points in 12 rounds in a dreary duel, but it succeeded in that the American champion idea caught on despite the lack-lustre performance of the ex-Marine.

HARRY GREB, although only a middleweight, was on a rampage in the light-heavy and heavy ranks. After the amazing Pittsburgher whaled the daylights out of Tom Gibbons early in 1922 in the old Garden, the stage was set for a match between him and Tunney for the newly minted U. S. title.

This was one of the most historic matches of the roaring Twenties. Both public and press deemed the U. S. title well worth fighting for and a goodly crowd filled old Madison Sq. Garden the evening of May 24, 1922.

Tunney had met some fair fighters up to the first Greb bout, but he had never met anyone like the old Pittsburgh Windmill on one of his good nights. Gene was like a man in a trance for most of the fight, as Greb, combining a whirlwind attack with all the tricks picked up in years of battling from coast to coast, outclassed, the befuddled youngster. He handed Gene what was to be the only defeat of Tunney's career.

Ten months later Tunney, still smarting under the initiation Greb had given him into the ranks of the real top-flight fighters, was ready for another crack at Harry. The American title was still reckoned potent enough to add to the bout's appeal. The pair met for the second time on February 23, 1923. Tunney who had given the Greb problem much thought, handled Greb's gyrations much better this time and got the decision. Whether he deserved it or not was something else again for the verdict aroused a deluge of dissent. Even Pennsylvania politicos got into the act charging their New York counterparts with engineering the downfall of the Pittsburgher and thereby depriving the state of the American championship.

BY December of the same year Tunney had made still further progress in solving the Pittsburgh wonder's windmilling style and he was again called the winner in the third meeting between the two. This verdict was questioned in many quarters also, Greb's cohorts calling the whole business a case of flagrant home town favoritism.

Tunney and Greb fought a couple of times after that but by this time years of relentless battling and high living was catching up with Harry and in their last meeting in St. Paul, he was well battered by the growing and much improved heavyweight champion-to-be.

Interest in the U. S. titled waned after Battling Siki was inveigled into meeting Mike McTigue in Ireland, losing his title to Michael in 1923. McTigue was Irish born, but an American resident and citizen, so when Tunney tossed aside the depreciated U. S. diadem to enter the heavyweight ranks, everyone just let it rust away, and that's the last that has been heard of the American light-heavyweight championship.

ALONG about the same time the American championship was being battled for mightily by the littlest fellows in boxing, the flyweights. We don't have flyweights in the States anymore, but thirty or so years ago they were among the most exciting and the most talented performers in U. S. rings.

The world flyweight champion during this era was one of the greatest boxers of all time, Jimmy Wilde, England's Mighty Atom. This nickname would have been even more applicable to the little Welsh Wizard in this, the Atomic Age, for he was truly a remarkable fighter.

Early in Wilde's reign as world ruler, a little fellow named Frankie Mason had crowned himself the American flyweight champion, and had been accepted as such in many quarters. On February 11, 1921, in New Orleans, Johnny Buff—age 33 no less—took a decision and his U. S. title from Mason.

Still, little attention was paid this happening until the arrival of Pancho Villa in the States. Villa, a pint-sized Filipino with a spectacular style, was matched with Buff in a bout billed as being for the American flyweight title. Villa stopped Buff in 11 rounds at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, N. Y., on September 14, 1922.

WITH Villa holding the stateside flyweight title, it took on a new character with the public which went wild over the little Filipino fist flinger. Villa could beat everybody around at the time near his weight, but Frankie Genaro, it afterwards turned out. The tiny New Yorker had the speed and skill to offset the Filipino's flashy flurries, and outpointed Frank Churchill's champion in 15 rounds

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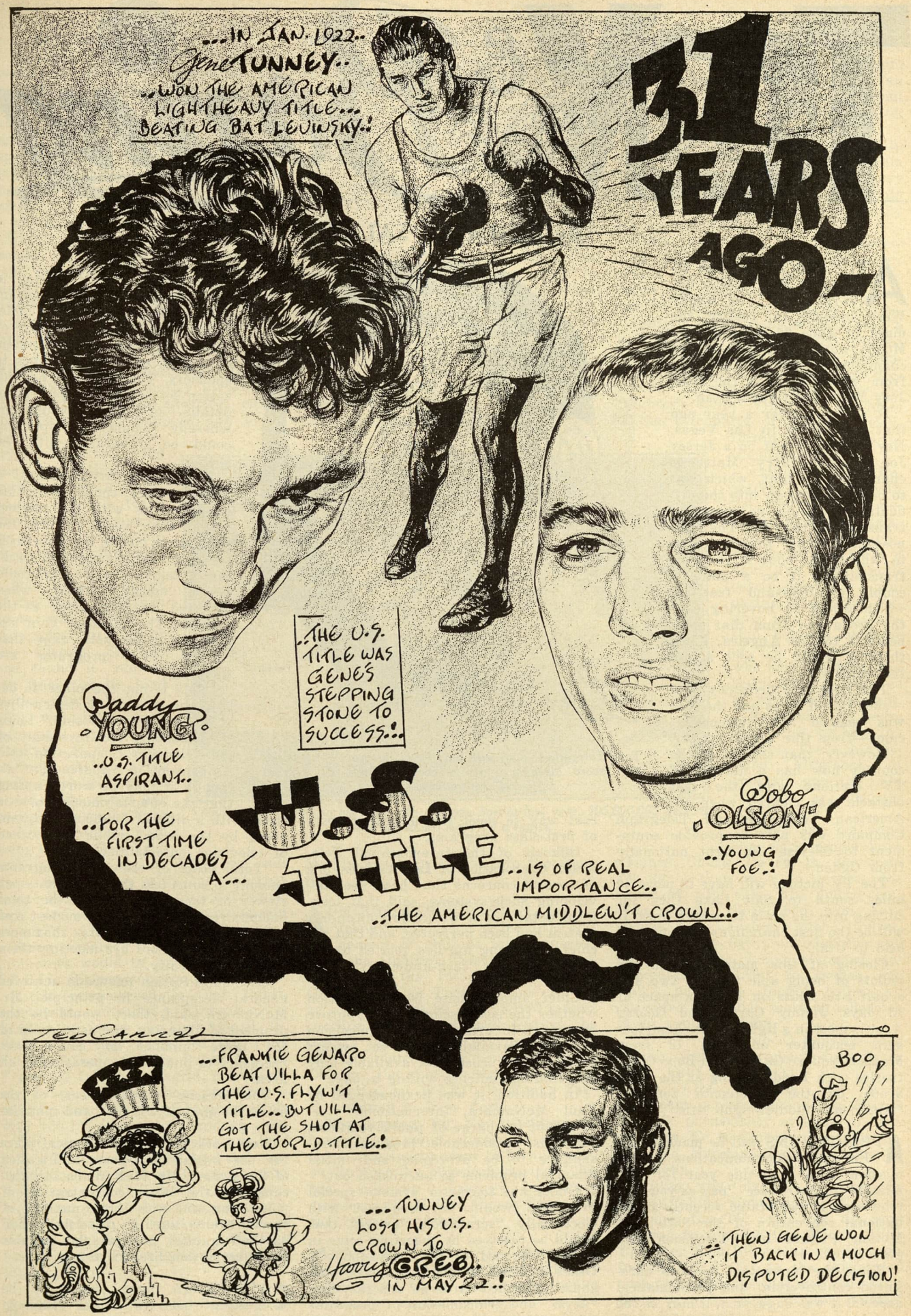
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TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

A TV "stunt" that was attempted a year ago out in the wild and woolly West becomes a reality the night of June 24 when Archie Moore, world light-heavyweight champion, clashes with the man from whom he took the title, Joey Maxim, at Ogden, Utah.

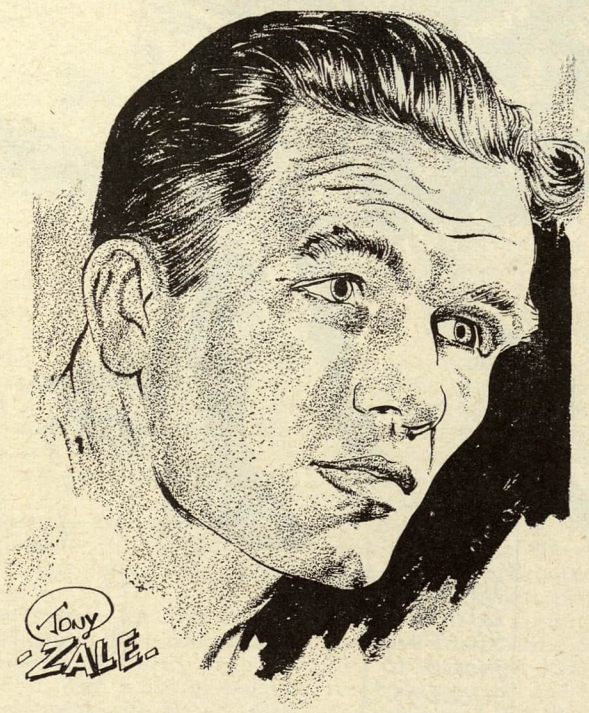
It was just over a year ago that a promoter in Las Vegas, Nev., trying to put on a Jersey Joe Walcott-Harry Matthews championship fight, which was to be televised, ran into the difficulty of having no means of transmitting the bout. The plan, possible, but not practical, was to "shoot" the bout at ringside, transmitting it to a plane a couple of thousand feet up which would be hovering over the arena and from that point beam it to Los Angeles. From there it would be sent across the country.

The fight was definitely shot—shot full of holes and the idea was beamed from whence it came—from thin air to hot air.

However, that section of the country now has a number of TV stations and the last obstacle was cleared when the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was able to provide equipment to televise the fight nationally from Ogden.

The TV picture will have to move 40 miles south to Salt Lake City for cutting into the main television lines. It will be the first championship bout ever held in Utah.

Closing of this match insured the vidiots of being able to view two and a half title bouts on TV in a space of 13 days. Jimmy Carter and George Araujo meet in a lightweight championship encounter on June 12 from Madison Square Garden and Bobo Olson tussles with Paddy Young at the same arena on the nineteenth for the "American middleweight title."



Tony Zale, whose bout with Billy Pryor, before TV, attracted the record attendance for a boxing match, 135,132, in Milwaukee.

APPLICATIONS will be made to the Federal Communications Commission some time this year for permission to introduce "pay-as-you-see" television, it was stated recently at the national convention of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.

While the innovation involves unresolved controversial and problematical aspects, it was suggested, it may be the best way to meet the mounting costs of first-class programs.

Officials of the International Telemeter Corporation of Los Angeles, one of several concerns that have been developing such systems, said that technical details of a workable coin-in-box system had been perfected, and that the chief remaining hurdles related to the acceptance of "cash-and-carry" television.

Chief among these is the question whether the commission would approve departure in principle from television broadcasts available to all set owners to television broadcasts available only to a limited audience willing to pay.

In addition, it was acknowledged by Paul McNamara, international vice-president in charge of public relations, there is considerable broadcaster-resistance to be overcome and initial financial problems to be worked out.

Under the telemeter system, special programs would be broadcast with electrically "scrambled" images that would be resolved by inserting coins in a box attached to the television set. Other systems involve the use of purchased punched cards as unscrambling "keys," and transmission of programs over telephone lines.

There has been a feeling in the television broadcasting industry that subscription television would tend to displace or disrupt the established system of station sales of air times to sponsors. The telemeter organization set before the convention details of an arrangement whereby commercial sponsors could be integrated into the system.

Under this arrangement, a manufacturer could distribute as premiums with his product tokens that would fit into the coin box to enable the purchaser to see a special program. Lacking a token, the viewer could insert money, which when collected would go back to the sponsor. The telemeter coin box contains a magnetic tape that records what programs are tuned in.

"This is not the place to debate the wisdom or desirability of subscription television," Louis N. Ridenour, vice-president of the Telemeter Corporation, told a convention audience, "although it may be worth noting that the entertainment world is faced with a difficult financial program posed by the broad public acceptance of television entertainment.

"Total costs of television programs amount to sums less than five cents per viewer of the program. Yet the total budgets represented by this modest cost per head are growing so large that most advertising sponsors are meeting them only with difficulty."

Once subscription television achieved general acceptance in principle, Mr. McNamara said, there would be the problem of financing the installation of the large number of coin boxes necessary to put it into operation in an area.

The present estimated cost of the boxes, in quantity, is $30, and installations $8.

New York City was the logical place for the initial large-scale application of the system, Mr. McNamara said, because of the large concentration of population and the large number of special events, such as prize fights and baseball games, particularly suitable for subscription broadcast.

CALIFORNIA fight fans will be getting back at their Eastern

counterparts now that a weekly boxing show will be sent across the country from the West.

Television station KTTV (Hollywood) has signed contracts for the exclusive telecasting of professional fights from the Hollywood Legion Stadium during the next year, as in the past. The price, according to reliable reports, was a nifty $320,000. The matches are due for coastwise televising under the new contract which naturally jumped the amount to something like an average of $6,000 per show.

Which leads us to ask, "Whatever became of the I.B.G.'s threat of only four network shows a week at a minimum guarantee to the fighters of $10,000?" No one seems to have taken it seriously, not even, more than perhaps, the Guild.

THE Pabst Wednesday night feature (CBS-TV) will shortly invade one of America's finest sporting cities, Milwaukee, which happens also to be the home of the brewery. Spurred on by the fact that that fair town now has a major league baseball team, they are now trying to get a world championship match for Milwaukee.

Bob Steen, producer of the Pabst television bouts, was recently in Milwaukee to inspect the County Stadium and found it "one of the finest of its kind in the country."

"I was very much impressed with the new Stadium. It would be an ideal site for a big boxing show," Steen added. "We would like to put on a major fight in July or August. I am going back to New York and make my report. Then we will open negotiations with the International Boxing Club for an outstanding fight, preferably a world championship match."

Steen explained that one of the local promoters would be involved with the I.B.C. in the presentation of the show.

Little remembered is that Pabst, sportswise, invaded Milwaukee a number of years ago, on August 18, 1941, when they sponsored the Tony Zale knockout of Billy Pryor for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, not charging admission. The show attracted a record attendance for a boxing match, with 135,132 persons on hand.

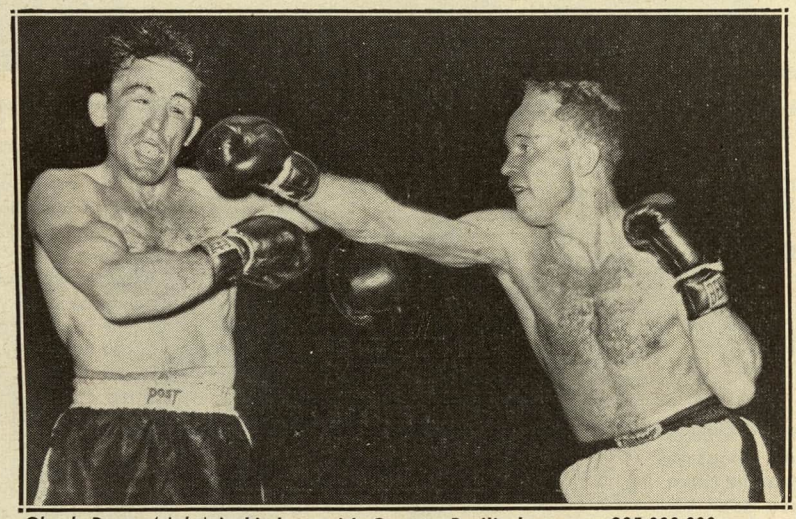
But that was a dozen years ago, and before TV became widespread and commercialized. A paid professional show there now, even though the city is sports conscious, would see a meager attendance, even if Milwaukee would be blacked out for the fight, something beer-conscious Pabst could never afford to do.

A FILM of the Carmen Basilio nine-round kayo over Carmine Fiore (April 11) was shown over TV station WHEN (Syracuse) on May 2, while areas outside the same city were viewing the upset of Kid Gavilan by Danny Womber over the same station from the same city.

Which is one way of saying that it's lucky they have newspapers in Syracuse. Imagine having to wait three weeks to find out what happened in a fight!

Bill Martin, veteran sports announcer on WSYR and WSYR-TV (Syracuse), has been appointed sports director for those stations. Before joining WSYR, Martin served three years as sports announcer at WIBX, Utica, prior to which he was associated in the same capacity with KWIK (Pocatello, Idaho). Martin also has a background of newspaper work on the *New York Times*, the *New York Inquirer* and the *Utica Press*.

With Syracuse more or less on a regular network from which many fights in that city emanate, the popular Martin has been thrust into the spotlight.



Chuck Davey (right) in his bout with Carmen Basilio last year. 205,000,000 persons have viewed his eight TV'd fights.

ADMIRAL CORPORATION, for its television sets, has ordered the full complement of stations interconnected with the DuMont Television Network to present the International Golden Gloves bouts on Tuesday, June 16. To be seen from 10:30 P.M. (EDST) until conclusion, the bouts will feature the world's winners of previous Golden Gloves matches. Emanating from Chicago, the sports program also will be carried by WABD, DuMont's flagship station in New York.

The signing for the televising of boxing's amateur classic marks the third such sports event to be presented on DuMont, by Admiral, during 1953, the company having previously sponsored the Golden Gloves finals and the Inter-City bouts.

CHANNEL HOPPING—Steve Van Ellis, not to be confused with the manager of Chico Vejar who has a strikingly similar name, is a TV wrestling announcer in Dayton, Ohio. Recently one of his fans, 68-year old Susi Robinson, died and left him $12,000. They had never met. We can now expect all TV sports announcers to pay special attention to their fan mail and send endearing personal messages over the air to the faithful, between burps and bops.

Jack Dempsey is currently seen in the motion picture "Off Limits," a film in which he referees a Mickey Rooney ring battle. . . . Radio and TV rights for professional fights in Cuba usually bring about $700.

Vince Dundee, Jr., son and nephew of the only two brothers in ring history to hold world championships, is a television and motion picture author and recently one of his original stories, "Fighter's Wife," was written into a screenplay by Malvin Wald, famous Hollywood Academy Award screenwriter, for a future motion picture production. Television is also after the "Fighter's Wife." Vince is a graduate of the University of Southern California and resides in Glendale, Calif.

Arthur Siegel, a Research Associate with the Institute for Research in Human Relations, Philadelphia, Pa., who says that he is a fight fan and also a psychologist, is preparing to do some digging into the relationship between opinions of TV viewers as to who won the fight and the judge's opinions as to who won the fight.

Research no more, Mr. Siegel, we have the answer. There is a decided difference of opinions and the only relations are usually poor ones.

Don't ask me why, but more people have watched Chuck Davey in his eight TV fights than were to witness Joe Louis' 27 title tilts. The adding machine totals 205,000,000 who have viewed the Lansing, Mich., welterweight's seven fights on television and in person. Joe Louis attracted approximately 741,000 to arenas and stadia while he fought before an estimated 30 million more on television in his last title fight.

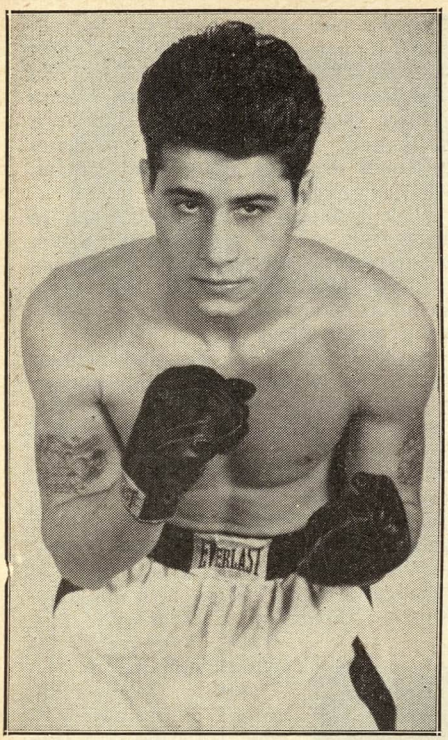
KHJ-TV (Hollywood) televises each Monday night the pro bouts from South Gate, Calif. . . .

Top I.B.C. officials and other prominent personalities met to discuss Zenith's phonevision systems of subscription TV in Chicago, two days before the Marciano-Walcott championship fight.

Boston was blacked out for the Carter-Collins lightweight title fight (?) and the TV price for the bout dropped from $50,000 to $45,000. With Promoter Sam Silverman cagily keeping the HUB City in the dark about such fistic offerings that may come from there, at looks as if "Boston Blackie" is in for a revival.

SOCK ATTRACTIONS

By LEW ESKIN



Danny Giovanelli—Brooklyn welterweight who always pleases and is a good prospect.

PERSONAL magnetism, punching power, and boxing skill, these are the attributes needed to develop young fighters into box office attractions. Four boys who have this ability to draw the fans through the turnstile are Garth Panter, Steve Marcello, Pat Lowry, and Danny Giovanelli.

Steve Marcello

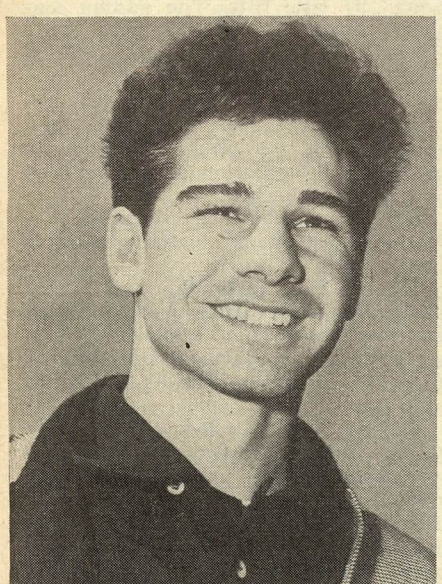
A FEW months ago Steve Marcello was at life's crossroads, about to be discharged from the army after three years service with the famed 43rd division. What did the future hold for him and his wife? They talked the matter over and decided that he should return to the ring where he had won 22 straight fights. Both agreed that this was better than going back to Steve's other trade-barbering. Since then, Marcello has added seven more wins to his belt and he recently won the New England welterweight title by beating Wilbur Wilson in a thrilling 12 rounder.

Steve is the son of a former light-heavyweight scrapper of 30 years ago, Nick Adamo. Steve's right name is James Adamo. He was born and raised in the Federal Hill section of Providence, R. I., where he still lives. This 21-year-old lad has been interested in boxing since he started sparring with his brother and other youngsters in the family back yard.

After a two-year amateur career that began at the Boys' Club in Federal Hill he turned pro in February of 1948 and quickly moved into the main bout class. A clever stand-up boxer, who carries a knockout punch in either hand, Steve has defeated such outstanding men as Tippy Larkin, Roy Carter, Tony Riccio, Jesse Underwood, Billy Murray, Timothy (Buddy) Hayes, Tommy Wells, and Pete Adams. He has knockout victories over 15 of his foes.

A skillful performer he has a large following and is the best drawing card in Providence. When Steve first started as a fighter his friend Guiseppi Giffoni wrote a song, "I Want to Be King of the Fistic World", and dedicated it to him.

Marcello is co-managed by Frankie Travis and Ernest Rotella.



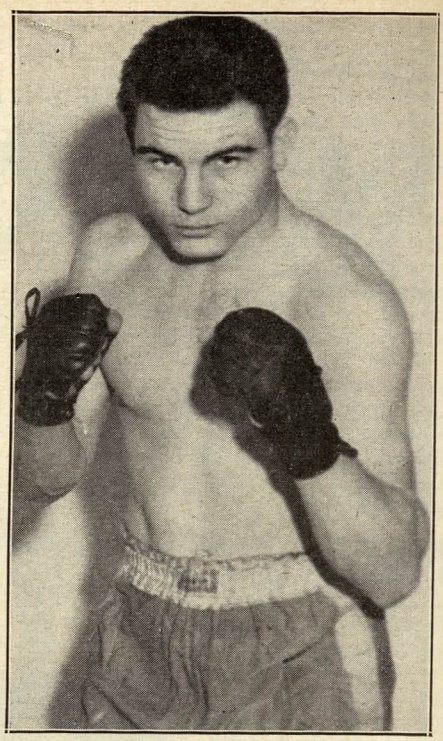
Pat (Spunky) Lowry—Hard-hitting Toledo knockout artist.

Pat (Spunky) Lowry

A FAST-punching ex-leatherneck from Toledo, Ohio, who shows promise is Albert Allyn Lowry. Pat, as he likes to be called, compiled one of the best records of any amateur boxer in the history of Ohio, winning 87 out of 95 bouts, 76 by knockouts.

Starting out as a knobby-kneed 16-year-old he won the Toledo Golden Glove flyweight title in 1947 and the featherweight crown in '48. The next two years he won the Carolina lightweight title while serving at Paris Island. Following his return from 14 months service in Korea he was discharged and won the Toledo gloves welterweight title in 1952. His top amateur performance was winning over Jed Black, the then national intercollegiate champion.

In April of 1952, Pat turned pro by knocking out LeRoy Cash in one round. Seven more kayos followed before Eddie Garland stayed the limit with him. He won his next nine, seven by kayos. Pat's first loss was to Joe Greenwood, whom he later knocked out. His pro record shows 25 wins in 27 bouts, 17 by kayos. Pat Manzi is the only other blemish on his record.



Garth Panter—Aggressive two-fisted puncher from Salt Lake City.

The crowd appeal of this hard-socking youngster was proven in his two fights with Tommy Leedles. They drew over 20,000 fans and $40,000 dollars in a small Detroit club.

Born in Sandusky, Ohio, on November 25, 1929, his family moved to Toledo when he was a young boy, where he graduated from Waite High School as an honor student. He is married with no children.

When not training Pat spends a lot of his time in the library reading and copying poetry. He has a large collec-

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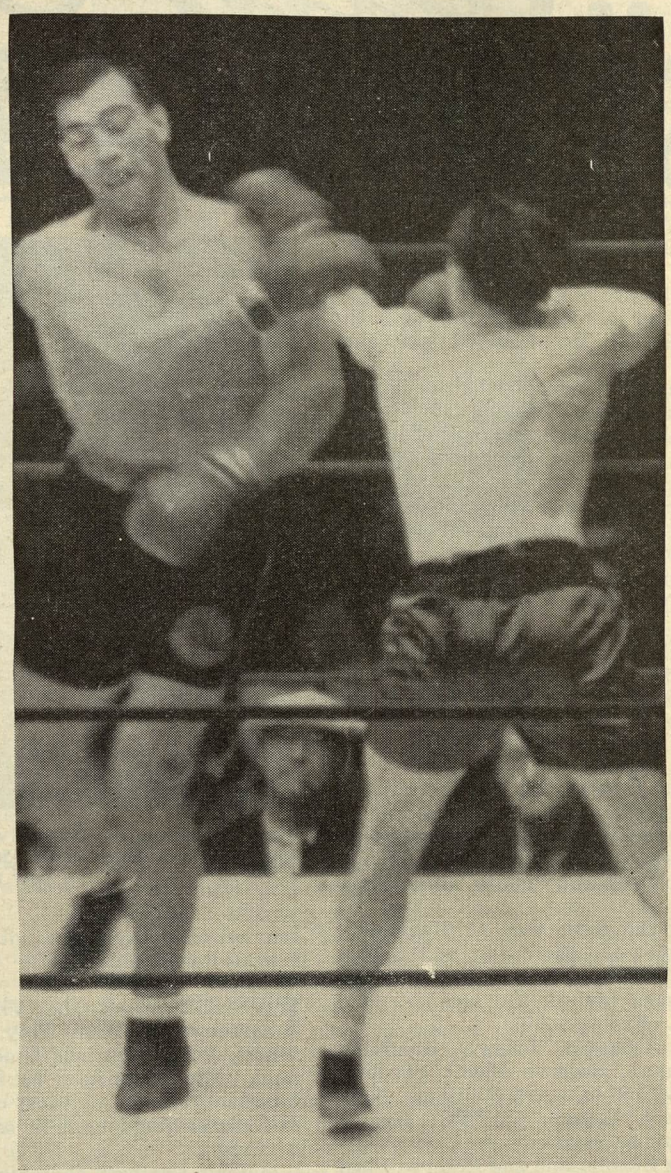
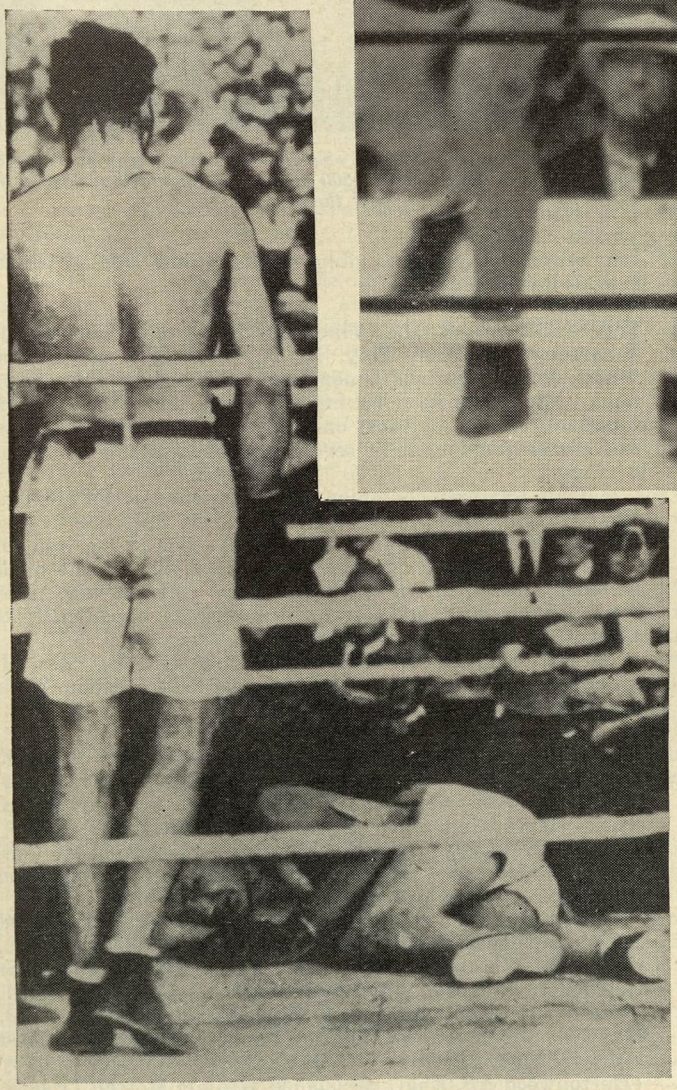
Steve Marcello—Classy undefeated welterweight who is the New England champion.

HEAVYWEIGHTS *OF THE* PAST

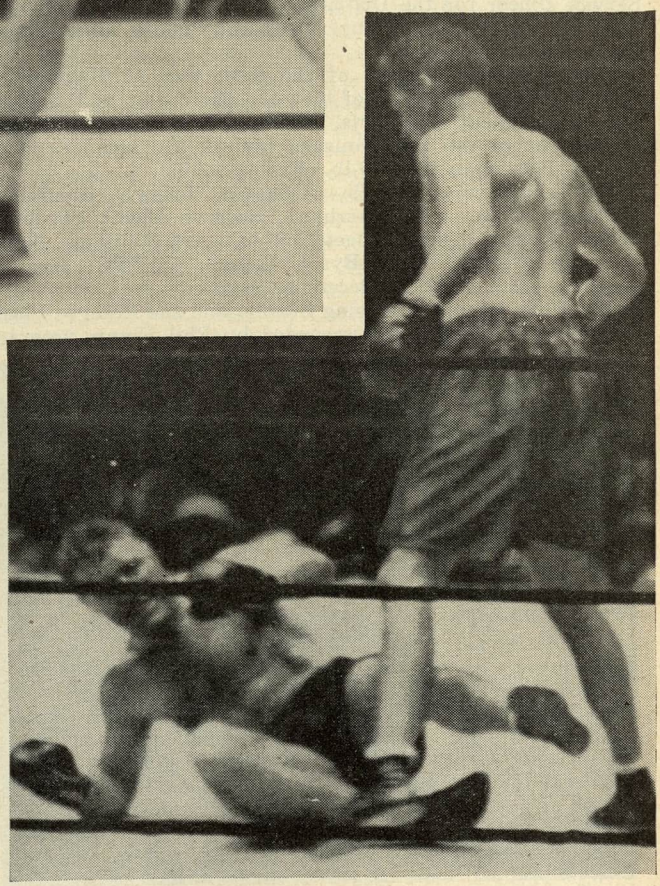
BOXING'S BIG BOYS NEVER FORGOTTEN



Primo Carnera (left) 86 pounds heavier than Tommy Loughran, wins a fifteen-round decision in defense of his heavyweight title. The 1934 battle did little to enhance Da Preem's prestige and in his next title bout Max Baer took his tarnished crown from him.



Jack Dempsey retains title by knocking out Billy Miske in third round at Benton Harbor in 1920 in the first defense of his title.



July 26, 1928. Gene Tunney defends his heavyweight title for the last time. Knocks out Tom Heeney in eleventh round at Yankee Stadium, N. Y. Bout drew gate of $691,014.

..With Our SERVICEMEN

NOEL HUMPHRIES, Charleston, W. Va., featherweight, who ran up a string of 15 pro victories before losing to the highly regarded New Orleans youngster, Ralph Dupas, twice, has been serving with the 38th Infantry Regiment in Korea. He is due to be rotated in November.

Humphries was a crack amateur performer before joining the pro ranks, having won the National Golden Gloves bantam-weight title in 1949. He lost only three of his 88 amateur bouts.

Having gone into service in the Spring of 1952, Noel was stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., and while on furlough in October engaged in two bouts, defeating Ossie Henry and Ronnie Harper in ten rounders.

Humphries has added some eight pounds to his frame since going into service and will campaign as a lightweight when he is discharged.

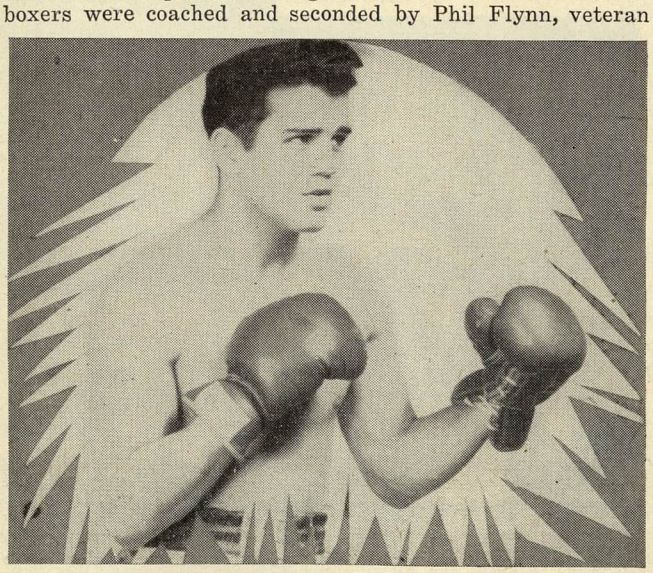
Another Charleston, W. Va., battler, Sgt. Jimmy Moore, a middleweight, has also been in Korea. Moore lost only to Joe Modzele and Red Bineyard in 17 pro outings. Prior to embarking for overseas duty he was boxing coach at Fort Custer, Mich. He also served in World War II.

THE Philadelphia Naval Base Gymnasium was the scene of the elimination boxing bouts and finals of the Fourth Naval District recently. Commander Thomas Quinn, Special Service Officer for the District, was director of the tournament. Lt. Meyer Edoff supervised and did the announcing for the entire tourney.

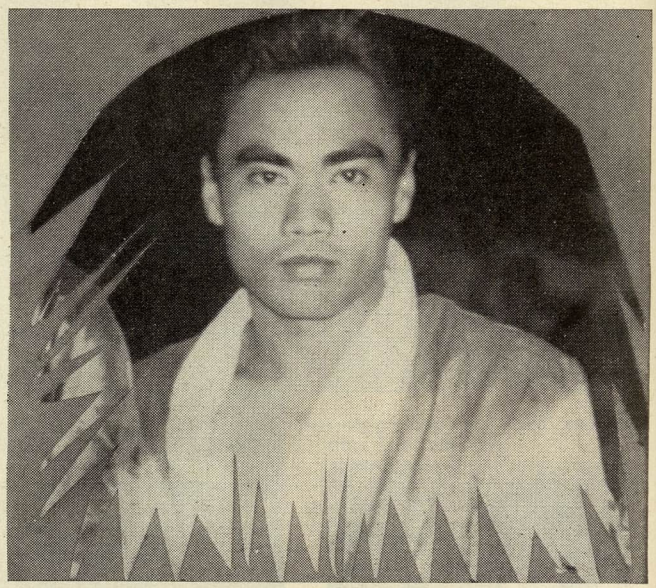
The outstanding boxer of the meet was Al Harriman, Reserve Fleet. A flurry of blows at the outset of the bout put his opponent, Ed Davis, down for a count of eight. A hard right to the head finished him in the second round to give Harriman the 139-lb. championship.

The champions: 132-lb.—Alphonso Jeffrey, Receiving Station; 139-lb.— Al Harriman, Reserve Fleet; 147-lb.—Melvin Lewis, Reserve Fleet; 156-lb.—Art Williams, NAS Atlantic Fleet; 165-lb.—Byron Griggs, NATTC; Heavyweight,—Alan Bradley, Receiving Station.

The Philadelphia Receiving Station and the Reserve Fleet boxers were coached and seconded by Phil Flynn, veteran trainer of many outstanding fighters, and Eddie Aliano, Naval Reservist.



Vincent Salvati, statioend at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., has an outstanding amateur record and advanced to the finals of the Olympic tryouts.



David Bartolome, the Filipino whirlwind who was the winner in the most sensational battle of the 1500 held at the Guam Naval Base in the past three years.

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Vincent Salvati, talented amateur welterweight from Troy, N. Y., poses as a major contender for the various simon-pure tournaments now being held. Vince has been boxing for three and a half years, has had 79 bouts and lost only eight, all by split decisions. He has so far fought in seven tournaments and won four of these.

Salvati was base champion while stationed at Bainbridge, Md., attending Hospital Corps School. At this time he also won the Eastern Title in Albany, N. Y., qualifying him for entry in the Olympic tourney at Kansas City. In the finals he was defeated by All-Navy Champion Chico Ayala, again by a split decision and narrowly missed an opportunity to attend the Olympic Games in Finland.

Salvati, an NP Technician student at USNH, Philadelphia, is being coached by Phil Flynn and Eddie Aliano while stationed there.

LACKLAND AFB, TEX.—Burtonwood AB, England (USAFE) and Lackland AFB, Tex. (Southwest Conference) each won two division titles in the first Air Force world-wide boxing tourney held here recently.

Air Force boxers from the Far East and Northeast Conferences also took two titles each. The Northwest and Southeast representatives each claimed a winner.

The final results were: 112-lb.—Jesse Herrera (Lackland AFB) decisioned Ronald Hackner (Sampson AFB); 119-lb.—Ronald Woodman (Westover AFB) decisioned Jesse Bridgeman (Johnson AB, Japan); 125-lb.—Art Guglielmelli (Lackland AFB) decisioned Ted Decker (Hickam AB, Hawaii), 132-lb.—Guery Smith (Maxwell AFB) decisioned Bobby Leeper (Bolling AFB); 139-lb.—William Cherry (Burtonwood AB, Eng.) decisioned William Morton (Pacific Conf.); 147-lb.—Henry White (FEAF) decisioned Bob Branch (Parks AFB); 156-lb.—Ralph Peterson (Burton-

wood AB, Eng.) decisioned Arthur Mack (Lowry AFB); 165-lb.—John Rodriguez (Yokota AB, Japan) decisioned Howard Green (Burtonwood AB, Eng.); 178-lb.—Dexter Johnson (Hill AFB) TKO'd John Stewart (Hamilton AFB); Heavyweight—Harold Johnson (Sampson AFB) decisioned Donnie Fleeman (Carswell AFB).

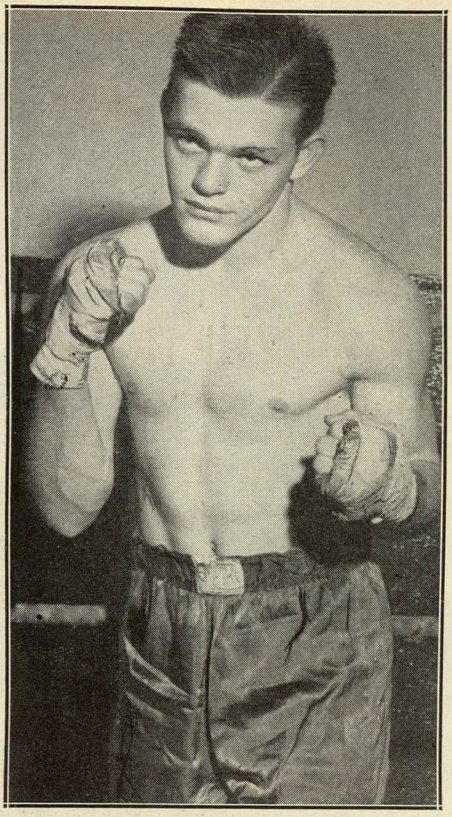
SIX thousand fight fans in Guam witnessed the two-day doonybrook conducted at the Naval Base boxing arena and after the smoke of battle had cleared the COMNAV FE squad, a combination of sailors assigned to duty in Japan and the powerful Seventh Fleet, had copped seven of the ten individual championship crowns and scored 44 points to win the team title in a walkaway.

Bantamweights David Bartolome, a native of Manila, P. I., who represented the Guam entry, and Rudy Guerra, COMNAV FE, a San Antonio Texan, provided not only the most sensational scrap in the tournament but the most ferocious battle in the 1500 matches that have been held in the Naval Base Arena the past three years.

At the sound of the opening gong both gladiators rushed to the center of the ring, stood toe-to-toe, and exchanged savage rights and left to the head and body for the entire three minutes. At the end of the initial canto the capacity crowd of 3,000 cheered both men in such force and volume for the entire one minute intermission that security personnel, one mile away, immediately dispatched additional forces to the scene to investigate the activity.

Round two of that memorable battle started in the same fashion as the opener but after 2:40 the courageous Guerra had been felled by the telling blows struck by the Filipino, who danced gaily around the squared circle as the fight crowd once again rose as one and afforded both men an applause even more thunderous than the previous outburst.

In other title contests, Japan's flyweight, C. H. Powers of Cannelton, Ind., decisioned Guam's Steve Dimando, San Antonio, Tex.; featherweight Adrian Hassell, a Marine from Newport, R. I., who fought for COMNAV PHIL, was awarded a split decision over Grady Cothern, the Atkins, Ark., native of the Japan team; Japan's Arthur Virgen, Sacramento, Calif., defeated Seabee Charlie Wall, COMNAV PHIL and Winston Salem, N. C., by decision in a lightweight match; Japan's light-welterweight George Shelton, St. Louis, Mo., grounded Seabee Don Grobbel, COMNAV PHIL and Ionia, Mich., in the first; welterweight Pappy Medlock, Japan and New Orleans, was awarded a much disputed split decision over Guam's Dale Manz, New Plymouth, Idaho; Japan's light-middleweight Willie Wilson, Indianapolis, Ind., needed only two minutes of the opening round to eliminate Russell Smith, COMNAV PHIL and Litchfield, Mich.; Charles Crenshaw, Guam and Pulaski, Tenn., won by decision over middle-



Noel Humphries, Charleston, W. Va., featherweight, who is now serving with the U. S. Army in Korea.

weight Milan Sonkowsky, a Marine who hails from Appleton, Wis., on the Japan squad; light-heavyweight Nat Grey, Japan and Chicago, was declared winner over Guam's Jim Partee, Kansas City, Mo., after 90 seconds of round one; and Japan's heavyweight, Sammy Buccellato, Pittsburgh, Calif., won the crown uncontested since neither of the other teams carried a heavyweight on their roster.

Each of the champions were presented engraved certificates by Captain Diggs Logan, Commander Naval Base, in recognition of the highest award to be obtained in this level of competition in this area.

The following day the winners flew to Pearl Harbor to compete against the Hawaii area champions, the winners of which continued in tournament action on the West Coast for the opportunity to battle the Navy's Eastern champions and eventually get a shot at the Interservice crown at Bainbridge, Md., against the finest to be mustered in Air Force, Army and Marine Corps circles.

TAKING two division titles, Second Army boxers won the team championship at the recent All-Army Boxing tournament at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Final totals gave Second Army 14 points, while USAREUR and First Army tied for third with 13 points each.

Final results in the various weight divisions are: 112-lb.—Preston Jenkins (USAREUR) decisioned Nick Lopez (Pacific); 119-lb.—George Davis (Second Army) decisioned Charles Waugh (First Army); 125-lb.—Bob Tenequer (Fifth Army) decisioned Stan Berkley (USAREUR); 132-lb.—Ray Riojas (Fourth Army) won forfeit over Robert Tucker (FECOM); 139-lb.—Juan Curet-Alvarez (Caribbean) decisioned Joe Reynolds (Sixth Army); 147-lb.—T. W. Wilson (Fifth Army) decisioned Fleming Butler (Second Army); 156-lb.—Gordon Van Lee (Third Army) decisioned Genorace Armstrong (First Army); 165-lb.—Jerry Loudee (USAREUR) decisioned Johnny Gibson (FECOM); 178-lb.—Warnell Lester (Second Army) won TKO over Jack Ring (Third Army); Heavyweight—Hawthorn Turner (Wash. M. D.) won TKO over Isaac Sauls (First Army).

The titlists represented the Army in the All-Service boxing tournament at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., on April 24 and 25.

Bainbridge, Md.—A cautious, ringwise Army team walked off with the nation's first world-wide Inter-Service boxing tournament. The Army took six of the ten bouts in the finals, held at the U. S. Naval Training Center here.

The Navy's Bill Tate was awarded the Out-Standing Boxer Trophy.

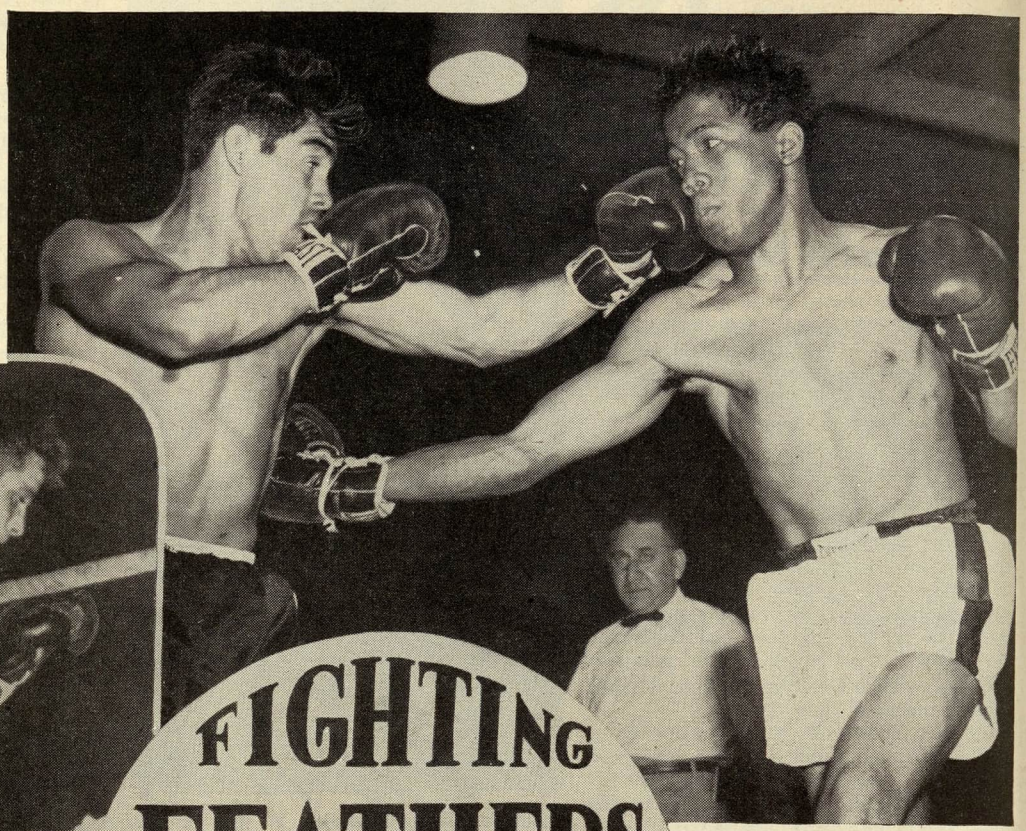
Here's the fight-by-fight results:

112 lbs.—Nick Lopez, took a unanimous decision over Jesse Herrera, All-Air Force entry, outclassing him throughout the fight. 120 lbs.—The Army's George Davis, a Ft. Meade, Md., three-time All-Army champ, boxed to a unanimous decision over Ferrel Snider, a fireman aboard the destroyer USS Cecil. 126 lbs. Harold Conklin, Marine Corps School, Quantico, Va., won by default. 132 lbs.—Frank Smith, a PFC out of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., who holds the 1953 National AAU crown, took a unanimous decision over Robert Jackson. 139 lbs.—Juan Curet-Alvarez, PFC from Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, holder of the All-Army title this year and last and a three-straight winner of the Puerto Rican Golden Gloves, took a unanimous decision over Abe Haynes, a San Diego Naval Air Station champ. 147 lbs.—Marine Cpl. Ruby Gwin, Marine Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C., a 1951 National AAU Champ, took a split decision from Henry L. White, 1951 Ohio State AAU champ, from Johnson Air Force Base, Far East, a prancing, dancing boxer.

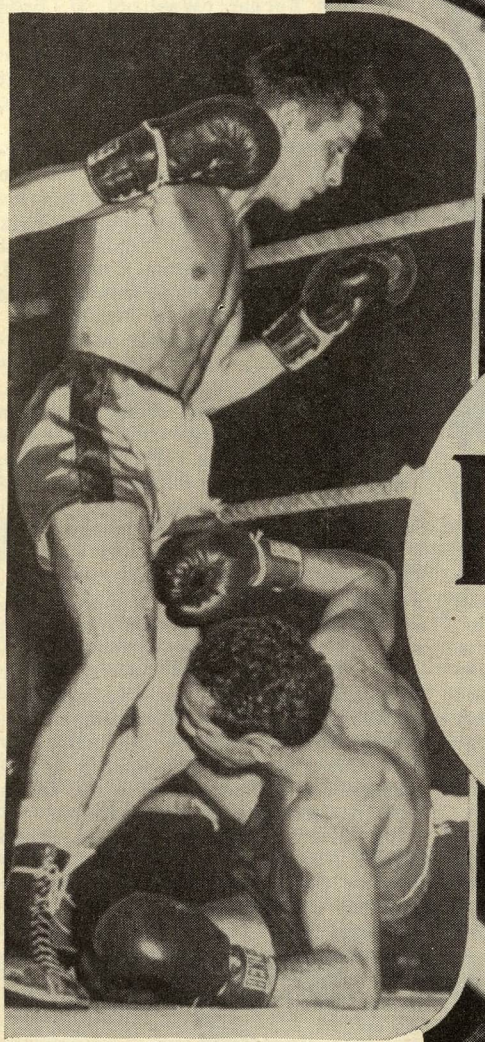
156 lbs.—Al Hood, a Marine sergeant from Cherry Point, N. C., Marine Air Station, took a unanimous decision from Howard Green, Burtonwood Air Force Base, England, 1952 European 156-pound Inter-Service Champ and the 1953 National AAU runner-up. 165 lbs.—Bill Tate, a Dentalman Apprentice from the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., copped the Navy's only win with a unanimous decision over Richard Hill, a Marine PFC from Camp Lejeune, N. C. 178 lbs.—Warren Lester, a PFC from Fort Meade, Md., Second Army and Maryland State Golden Gloves Champ, 1948–53, smashed through to a TKO in the third over Bryant Thompson, Goodfell Air Force Base, Tex. Heavyweight—Zora Folley, Army corporal from Fort Eustis, Va., All-Army champ in 1952–53, won by default.

FIGHTING FEATHERS IN ACTION

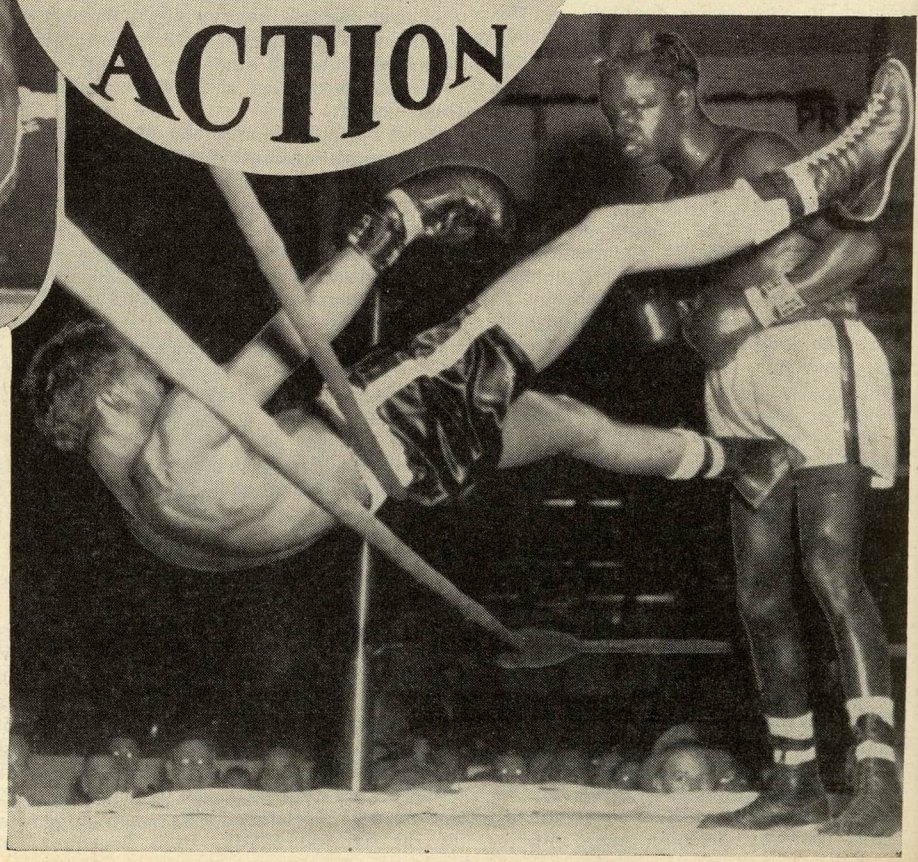
126 pound contenders



Corky Gonzales (left) of Denver, Col., shoots a left to the face of Gene Smith of Washington, D. C., and takes a right to the body during their bout at the Eastern Parkway Arena, Brooklyn. Gonzales gained a ten-round split decision in this featherweight bout.



Willie Pep falls to the canvas after wrestling with Joey Gambino during their ten-rounder at Tampa, Fla. The former world featherweight champion was recently reinstated by the New York Commission.



Davey Gallardo of Los Angeles was almost upset when after being hit by Percy Bassett in their bout at Washington, D. C., he lost his balance and toppled on the ropes with his foot caught in Bassett's trunks. In the end it was Bassett who was upset as Gallardo won the ten-round decision.

Promising Prospects

By
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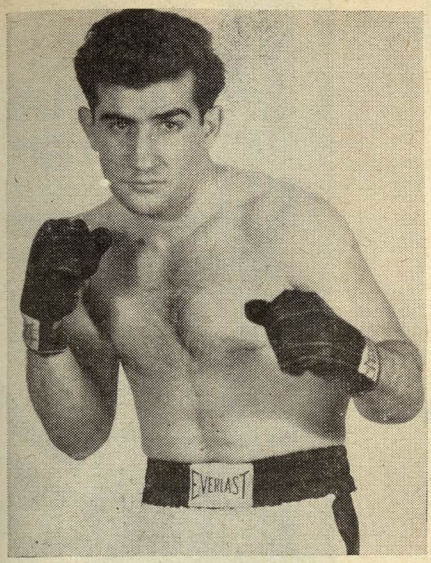
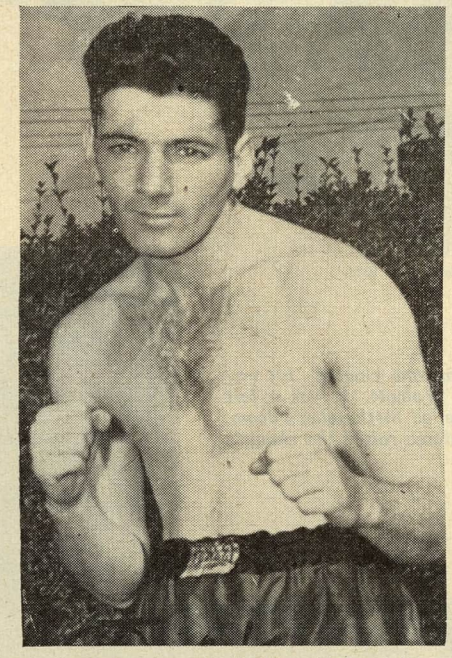
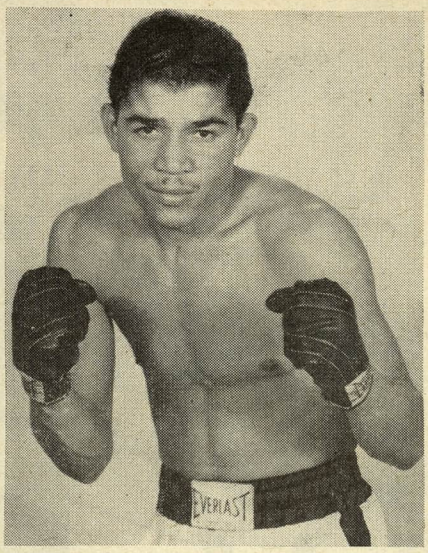


Danny Rubino, Hoboken, N. J., middleweight who fights like Rocky Graziano.



Pat Best, Englewood, N. J., middleweight, a former amateur and service champion.



Federico Escalero, Puerto Rican lightweight, is a skillful boxer.

Danny Rubino

HOBOKEN 150-pounder, Danny Rubino, like former middleweight champ Jake LaMotta, started boxing as a heavyweight—having tipped the beam at 186 lbs. Though short for his weight, the crowd-pleasing scrapper manages to chop his foes down to size. And, by the same token, increase his following.

Rubino has thus far starched seven opponents, lost two decisions and boxed two draws. He made a tremendous hit in Madison Square Garden by the sensational manner in which he disposed of his rival in one heat. "This Rubino fights like Rocky Graziano did in his prime!" someone remarked that evening. "Yeah, and even looks like the Rock," agreed another. "Makes the same kind of moves and hits with almost equal force. Sure is a thrilling fighter, this Rubino."

He spent two years in high school and one in the Army.

Only 21 years of age, the stocky battler began to prepare for the ring 14 months ago under the direction of Joe "Cowboy" Lucignano, who manages and trains him. "Danny loves jazz music and golf," declares Joe. "But boxing comes first with him—because there's more excitement in the ring and lots of money to be made."

Rubino's fistic tendencies were undoubtedly inherited from his father, who boxed under the nom de ring "Kid Rubin" until he married; his bride scoring a quick kayo over his boxing future. "So I'm taking up where papa left off," states Danny. "It wasn't easy getting mama's permission to let me fight, but she finally consented. She prays whenever I fight."

Danny's anxiety to become a ring success stems from his desire to buy a new home for his parents, though he's married. Proving that his kind heart is, at the same time, a fighting heart.

Federico Escalero

ALTHOUGH he's had only nine amateur contests and 14 as a pro, Federico Escalero began to prepare himself for the ring nine years ago—when he was sixteen. That explains his calmness under fire, his poise and boxing skill. It is pleasant to watch him: his left is fast and sharp; his right has force, and he's an able infighter. Driven by the determination to succeed, Escalero should make good as a fighter.

Born Federico Escalero Torres—in Santa Ysabel, Puerto, Rico, on June 5, 1928, he began working out in a local ramshackle gym and won eight out of nine amateur contests. Turning pro early in 1952, he triumphed in all his eight bouts—beating and knocking out Teddy Antonetti in San Juan. Then he decided to come to New York to seek ring fame and fortune, arriving here on September 16 of that year.

His sister, Maria, an entertainer, approached Artie Mucci—a Special Officer at the place where she was working, and who, she'd learned, is an old-time Army fighter—and asked him to manage Federico. And Mucci has been doing a good job of handling the lightweight.

Escalero won four of his six battles in the States; his showing at Madison Square Garden attracting attention. Trained by Johnny Sullo, the boxer keeps in good condition—which is why he invariably puts up a satisfactory fight. In his latest bout he drew with Johnny Busso.

Pat Best

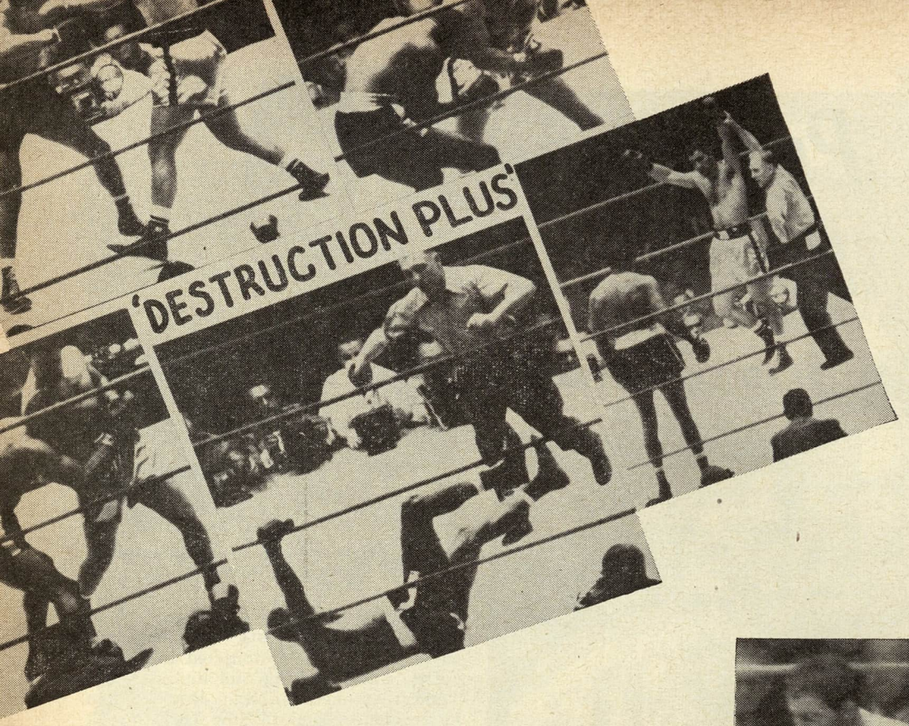
IF a name can be an incentive for a man to better himself, Pat Best certainly has it. And Pat is making every effort to be Best of the Good Ones. He's strong and willing—and he's Irish.

Pat was born in Englewood, N. J., on July 31, 1929. He was an all-round athlete in high school and excelled as a boxer. In 1948 he won the Diamond Gloves welterweight title—taking part in only five contests. Upon graduating in June of 1949—at the age of nineteen—he went into the Army.

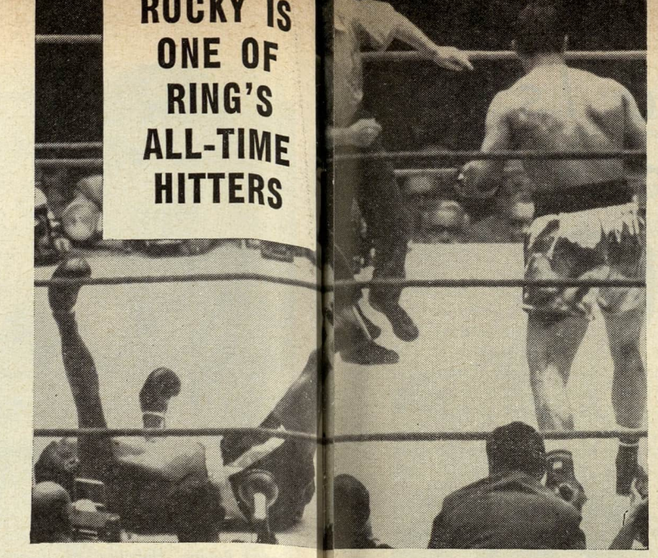
"While in the service," informs Pat Best, "I had thirty fights, winning twenty-five of them, copping the Second Army welterweight crown. Immediately after I was discharged, in September 1951, I returned to boxing, contacting Cal Cagni—a good former professional fighter—who had started me as an amateur and taught me the finer points of the trade."

True, Pat Best is not yet able to execute the valuable tricks he learned—as that takes time and practice—but he's gradually catching on. Since turning pro on November 25, 1952, the handsome 152-pound scrapper lost three of his thirteen pro contests. His lastest victims are Joey Greco, Danny Taylor and Danny Rubino.

"I feel that I have a good, promising middleweight in Best," declares the ever-smiling Cal Cagni. "He's young, he's got guts and ambition, takes a hefty wallop without clutching, running or covering up. When hurt he comes back fighting harder. That makes Pat Best a promising fighter in my book."


'DESTRUCTION PLUS'

With lightning like thrusts, Rocky Marciano clouted his way to a one-round kayo over Jersey Joe Walcott. It was a left hook followed by a right cross that spelled Methuselah's doom. Walcott stood flabbergasted as the referee raised the champ's left arm.


ROCKY IS ONE OF RING'S ALL-TIME HITTERS

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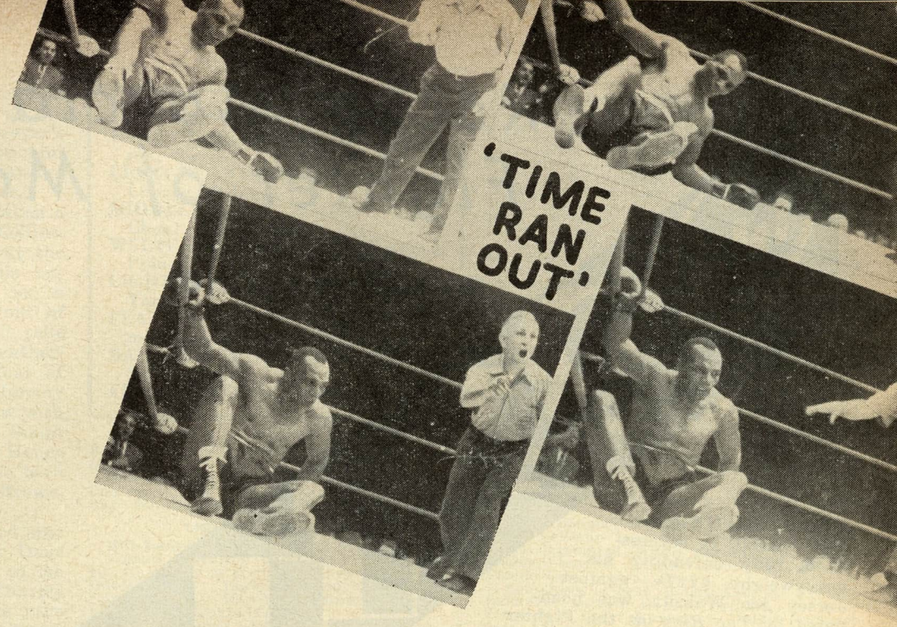
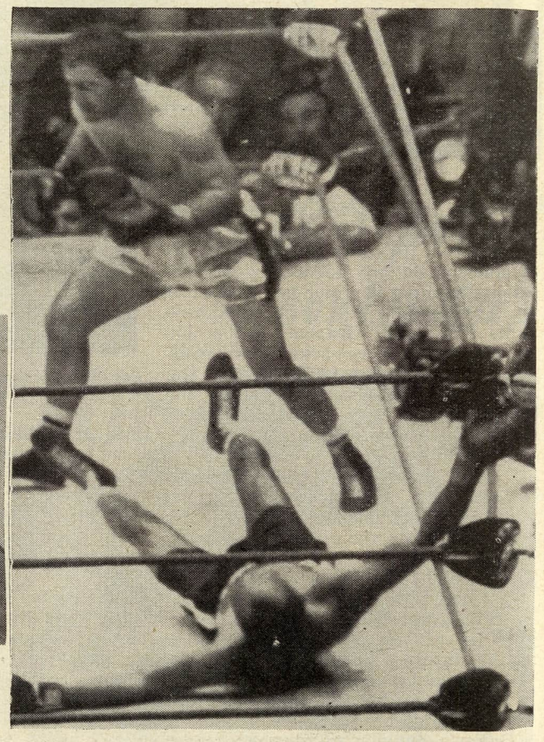

'TIME RAN OUT'

The seconds refused to sit and wait with Jersey Joe Walcott and seemed to rapidly speed by, propelled by the downward swing of the referee's arm.



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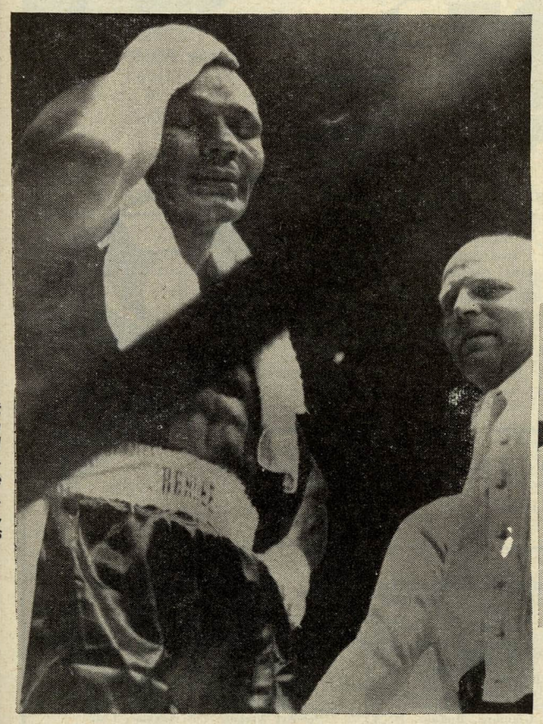
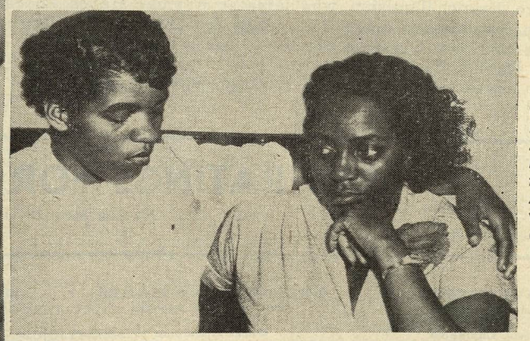
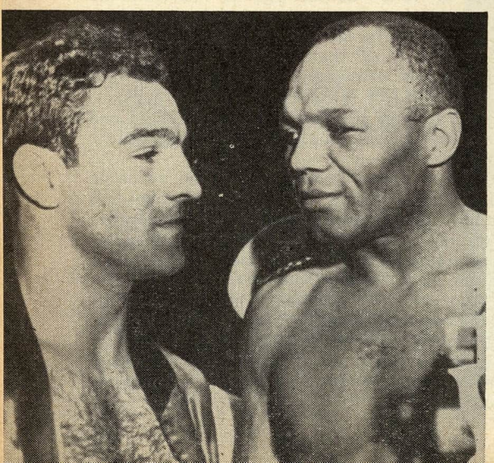


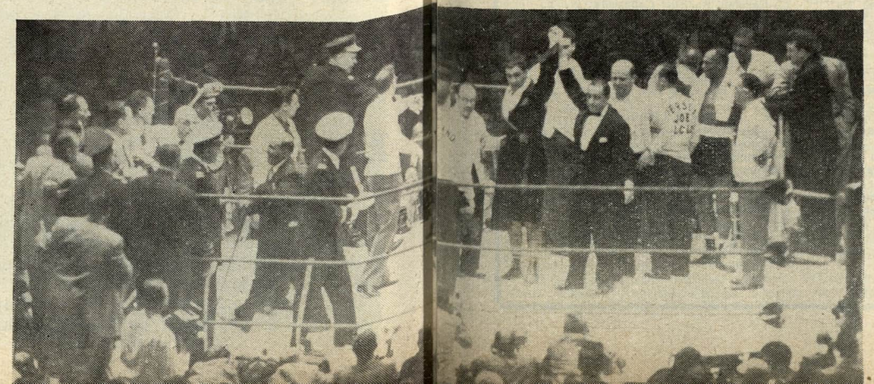
Victory is sweet, especially a quick one. This happy trio consists of (L.to R.) Rocky's wife, Barbara; Sgt. George Matta, of Brockton, Mass., recently returned to the U.S. from Korea where he was a prisoner of war; and Barbara's father, Lester Cousins.



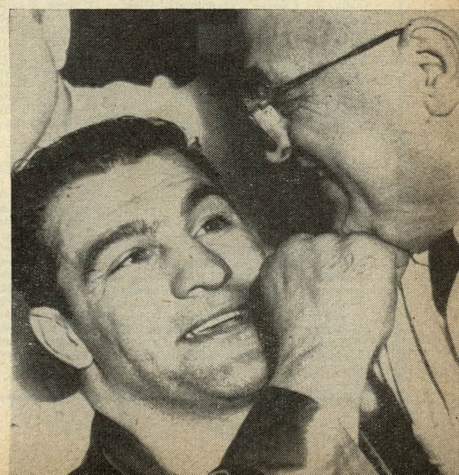
Gloom settled on the Walcott household in Camden, N. J., after Joe was knocked out in the first round. Mrs. Arnold Cream, his wife, is consoled by daughter, Doris (left).



The calm before the storm. Marciano and Walcott duel it out with intent looks as they meet at the scale during the weighing-in ceremonies. It was a different story several hours later. In the afternoon, Walcott appeared drawn and quiet; Marciano played the role of champion, smiling and confident.



A wild scene followed the end of the bout when a spectator and almost everyone else climbed into the ring. But the fighting was over, except for the prelims.



"This is the right that did it", says champ Marciano in the dressing room after the brief encounter to a jubilant Al Weill, his manager.

Rocky Marciano Is Fighter of Month

The RING RATINGS

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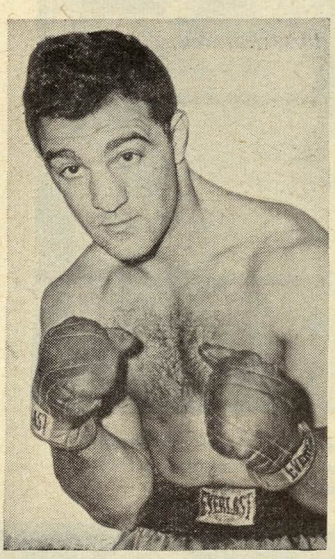

Rocky Marciano

ROCKY MARCIANO, by successfully defending his heavyweight title against Jersey Joe Walcott, was nominated by *The Ring* as the Fighter of the Month. Yoshio Shirai was the runner up for monthly honors by virtue of the stirring defense of his flyweight title in his bout with Tanny Campo in which he proved his right to being king of the smallest boys.

Among the heavies, Walcott drops behind Charles and La Starza as result of title bout. Unless Harry Matthews shows an indication of losing weight he will be rated in the next issue on basis of a heavyweight.

A new face has crashed into the light-heavyweight class in the person of Larry Watson, whose defeat of Danny Nardico has dropped Danny from third to fifth and placed Watson no. 7.

The middleweights saw a great deal of action with the major upset being the defeat by Pierre Langlois of France at the hands of Joe Rindone, Boston veteran. Langlois drops to fifth with Paddy Young climbing to fourth. Claude Milazzo, French Tunisian, who defeated Norman Hayes, knocking Hayes out of the ratings, was himself disqualified when Joe Rindone once again made the magic circle of rated men. Joe Giambra climbed to sixth place as a result of his defeat of Otis Graham and Danny Womber, who had a win over Kid Gavilan.

Among the welterweights Johnny Bratton moves from number two spot to the number

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending May 18, 1953

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio
2—Roland LaStarza, New York City
3—Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J.
4—Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Tommy Harrison, Oakland, Calif.
7—Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah
8—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
9—Karel Sys, Belgium
10—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
1—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
2—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Yolande Pompee, Trinidad, B.W.I.
4—Harry Matthews, Seattle, Wash.
5—Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla.
6—Jimmy Slade, New York City
7—Larry Watson, Omaha, Neb.
8—Rocky Jones, Chester, Pa.
9—Gerhard Hecht, Germany
10—Dennis Powell, Wales

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
Title Vacant
1—Randolph Turpin, England
2—Carl Bobo Olson, Hawaii
3—Charley Humez, France
4—Paddy Young, New York City
5—Pierre Langlois, France
6—Joey Giambra, Buffalo, N. Y.
7—Joe Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Rocky Castellani, Luzerne, Pa.
9—Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.
10—Joe Rindone, Boston, Mass.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
Kid Gavilan, Cuba
1—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
2—Billy Graham, New York City
3—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—Joe Miceli, New York City
6—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Cal.
7—Chuck Davey, Lansing, Mich.
8—Carmen Basilio, Canastota, N. Y.
9—Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Cal.
10—Danny Womber, Chicago, Ill.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carter, New York City
1—George Araujo, Providence, R. I.
2—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
3—Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Arthur King, Toronto, Canada
5—Armand Savoie, Montreal, Canada
6—Orlando Zulueta, Havana, Cuba
7—Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.
8—Wallace Bud Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio
9—Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.
10—Arthur Persley, Red Cross, La.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
Sandy Saddler, (U. S. Army)
1—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
2—Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
3—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Tommy Collins, Boston, Mass.
5—Baby Ortiz, Mexico City
6—Ray Famechon, France
7—Dave Gallardo, Los Angeles, Cal.
8—Charley Riley, St. Louis, Mo.
9—Corky Gonzales, Denver, Colo.
10—Lulu Perez, Brooklyn, N. Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carruthers, Australia
1—Robert Cohen, France
2—Vic Toweel, South Africa
3—Pappy Gault, Spartanburg, S. C.
4—Peter Keenan, Scotland
5—Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
6—Maurice Sandeyron, France
7—Gianni Zuddas, Italy
8—Emile Chemama, France
9—Robert Meunier, France
10—Luis Castillo, Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
Yoshio Shirai, Japan
1—Jake Tuli, South Africa
2—Tanny Campo, Philippines
3—Terry Allen, England
4—Jimmy Pearce, England
5—Eric Marsden, England
6—Vic Herman, Scotland
7—Louis Skena, France
8—Charley Bohbot, French Morocco
9—Leo Espinosa, Philippines
10—Young Martin, Spain

one contender, with Graham dropping to the second slot as a result of the Brat's winning streak. Gerald Dreyer's bad showing with Italio Scortichini caused his being dropped from ratings to make room for Danny Womber.

The lightweight division has taken a real banging around. Tommy Collins, as a result of his bad beating at the hands of James Carter and his announced intent to campaign as a featherweight, has been taken out of the lightweight ratings and will take his rightful place among the featherweights. Paddy DeMarco's defeat of Armand Savoie and loss to Johnny Gonsalves, Orlando Zulueta's draw with Joey Brown and loss to Wallace Smith caused changes. Frank Johnson, Henry Davis and Jorgen Johansen have been eliminated to make room for Brown, Smith and Persley.

Tommy Collins moves into third spot among the feathers, replacing Dave Gallardo, who has been dropped to 7th as a result of his knockout by Charley Riley, St. Louis veteran, who in turn once again climbs back into the ratings. Lauro Salas drops out of the big ten due to inactivity. Glen Flanagan also makes his exit to make room for Collins.

Pappy Gault drops a notch to third as a result of his defeat at the hands of Robert Cohen, number one bantam, and Vic Toweel moves into the number two spot. Toweel will shortly become a featherweight and so compete. Veteran Emile Chemama dropped and Gianni Zuddas climbed as a result of Zuddas having a points victory over Chemama since the last ratings. Pierre Cossemyns, the Belgium champion, climbed to fifth due to his winning streak.

Among the flyweights Nazareno Gianelli, of Italy, makes his exit with Leo Espinosa, of the Philippines, taking his place. Espinosa defeated Young Martin, of Spain, to enter the select group.

Here are the months results:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Rocky Marciano KO'd J. J. Walcott in 1. (title bout)

Ezzard Charles outfought Bill Gilliam, 10. Gilliam previously whipped Nino Valdez, 10.

Don Cockell became British and Empire champion by defeating Johnny Williams, 15. Williams outpointed Ansel Adams, 10.

Dan Bucceroni stopped Wesley Bascom, 7. Canadian Champion Earl Walls kayoed Grant Butcher, 2, and edged out Joe Kahut, 10. George Powell defeated Toxie Hall, 8. Hall also lost to light-heavyweight Harold Johnson, 10. Jimmy Bivins outpointed Claude Rolfe, 10. Rolfe kayoed Tommy Larkin, 1.

Hein ten Hoff stopped Al Spaulding, 8. Gunther Nurnberg flattened Steve McCall, 2. James J. Parker kayoed Roger Jackson, 1.

Johnny Arthur retained the South African title by stopping Lou Strydom, 10. Tommy Jackson defeated Bob Golden, 6, and Joe Lindsay, 8. Joe Lindsay kayoed Bob Isler, 5.

Hugh Ferns stopped Jack Hobbs, 1. Paddy Slavin halted George Stern, 8, but in turn was flattened by Mark Hart, 1. Omelio Agramonte kayoed Jimmy Walls, 5. Terry McDonald stopped Les Johnson, 4.

Jesse Managault kayoed Matt Henderson, 2, but lost to Kid Saucer, 6. Garneet Denny outpointed Eric Thompson, 8. Emerson Harris kayoed Bob Smith, 3. Fitzie Fitzpatrick kayoed Bob Jackson, 4. Vern Escoe beat Jim Byrne, 6.

Frank Cowan kayoed Jimmy Egan, 3, and Leon Brown, 4. Ingemar Johansson beat Lloyd Barnett, 6. Bernie Thomas beat Cal Vernon, 5. Chuck Syers beat Bobby Yore, 5.

Tunney Hunsacker kayoed Carl Griffin, 1. Chuck Connors, kayoed Tony Esperti, 1. Neil Welch defeated Hubert Hood, 6. Ray Wilding kayoed Artie Bell, 2.

Clyde Thompson kayoed James Wiley, 2. Fred Taylor kayoed Chuck Daley, 2. Lee Waugh kayoed Frazier Moore, 5.

Prospect for the Month

HEAVYWEIGHT—Ingmar Johansson, Sweden.
LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT — Marcel Limage, Belgium.
MIDDLEWEIGHT — Felix (Choo-Choo) Benson, Phila., Pa.
WELTERWEIGHT — Idrissa Dione, France.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Johnny Busso, New York City.
FEATHERWEIGHT — Enrique Lamelas, Havana, Cuba.
BANTAMWEIGHT — Alex Santoy, San Antonio, Texas.
FLYWEIGHT—Dai Dower, Wales.

Harry Matthews held by draw by Freddie Beshore, 10. Cleveland Williams outfought Omelio Agramonte, 10.

Oakland Billy Smith halted Bill Noble, 1. Bob Satterfield stopped Murray Burnett, 3. Ray Wilding decisioned Keene Simmons, 6.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bill Lanza outpointed Cliff Schellin, 10.

Tommy Harrison outpointed Wes Bascom, 10. Bascom was stopped by heavyweight Dan Bucceroni, 7. Larry Watson upset Danny Nardico, 10. Harold Johnson outpointed heavyweight Toxie Hall, 10.

Chuck Hunter defeated Ben Skelton, 8 (twice). Phil Saxton upset Richie James, 8. Chubby Wright beat Lalu Sabotin, 10. Gordon Wallace scored over Art Wright, 10. Tony Liversage retained South African title by decisioning Stan Lotriet, 12.

Floyd Patterson outpointed Dick Wagner, 8. Ray Schmit drew with Heinz Sachs, 8. Jimmy Franklin kayoed Dick Davis, 1. Jean Corhay decisioned Robert Masson, 8.

Karl Ameisbichler flattened Hans Strelecki, 5, and drew with Willi Besmanoff, 6. Chuck Spieser kayoed Frank Favaro, 3, and beat Murray Bennett, 6. Wim Snoek outfought Eli Elandon, 10. Brian Anders decisioned Jimmy James, 8.

Joe Rowan kayoed Rudy Franklin, 4. Jan Hagenaar edged out Snucky De Bruin, 8. Bobby Brandt outfought Tex Newby, 8. Albert Finch was too ringwise for Charles Colin, 10.

Doug Harper beat Frankie Rowe, 6. Bill Lanza kayoed Bull Halsey, 4, and Wayne Rainey, 1. Larry Zernitz defeated Ollie Wilson, 6, and kayoed Kid Smart, 3. Francis Coeuret finished Francois Golob, 2, and Marcel Collet, 3.

Chuck Musgrove outpointed Henry Taylor, 8. Nick Fisher stopped Wally Curtis, 5. Curtis also was outpointed by Joe Bygraves, 8. Marcel Limage lost to middleweight Serge Barthelemy, 10. Bob Young beat Eddie Vincent, 6.

Eddie O'Hara kayoed Joe Curry, 3. Tommy Thompson beat Randy Brevard, 5. Roy Kennedy kayoed Dave Tittman, 5. LeRoy Miller stopped Andrew Godwin, 5. Andre Tessier kayoed Danny Wilson, 1. Cliff Barnett beat Richie Lopez, 6.

Don Harding kayoed Art Hardy, 5. Zeke Robinson kayoed Paul Kaylor, 5. Kaylor beat Howard King, 8. Mickey McNeil kayoed Ted Gorie, 4, Larry Dunn, 2, Joe Lorie, 2, and Willie Green, 3.

Don Ellis outpointed Otto Bastian, 8. Joe Arthur and John Vinegar drew, 3. Don Grant kayoed Henry Taylor, 3.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Pierre Langlois outfought Joe Miceli, 10, but was upset by Joe Rindone, 10. Rocky Castellani kayoed Johnny Mack, 1. Claude Milazzo defeated Norman Hayes, 10.

Joey Giambra outclassed Danny Womber, 10, and Otis Graham, 10. Chico Vejar outscored Tony Cimmino, 10. Al Bourke retained Australian title by outpointing Alfie Sands, 15. Tuzo Portuguez edged out Garth Panter, 10, and drew with Mickey Laurent, 10.

Charley Cotton defeated Chuck Coleman, 8. Ralph Jones decisioned Jimmy Herring, 10. Johnny Sullivan stopped Duggie Miller, 9, and Michael Stack, 3, but lost to Gordon Hazell, 10. Hazell also whipped George Dilkes, 8.

Bobby Dawson stopped Jimmy Davis, 6. Esau Ferdinand scored over Art Soto, 12. Jesse Turner kayoed James Brown, 2. Randy Sandy halted Jimmy Beau, 8.

German Champion Hans Stretz stopped Antonio Soldevilla, 8. Jimmy Martinez upset Del Flanagan, 10. Bobby Boyd kayoed Pennington Brown, 4. Emile Delmine walloped French champion Jacques Royer-Crecy, 10.

Italo Scortichini beat Harold Drucker, 8, and Gerry Dreyer, 10. Pete Gil decisioned Billy LeBlanc, 8. Eddie Thomas outpointed George Roe, 8. Eduardo Lausse kayoed Tommy Smith, 6. Terry Moore drew with Franz Szuzina, 8.

Chester Mieszala defeated Jimmy Elby, 8. Gaston Meuebrouch outfought Gilbert Stock, 10. Johnny Lombardo beat Whitman Burgess, 8, but was stopped by Gil Turner, 7. Serge Barthelemy was too experienced for light-heavyweight Marcel Limage, 10.

Al Andrews outpointed Pat Manzi, 8, then lost a close decision to him, 8. Henri Entringer avenged previous defeat by beating Michel Aubignat, 10. George Johnson kayoed Billy Gordon, 5. Sal Flores kayoed Armand Cotero, 6, and Bobby Lee, 8.

Jimmy Williams stopped Willie Boyd, 3, and Tony DiPelino, 3. DePelino drew with Jimmy Cousins, 8. Cousins also drew with Charley Earley, 8. Tony Anthony kayoed Johnny Brown, 2. Curtis Wade outpointed Marvin Barefoot, 5. Lester Jackson beat Ricardo King, 6. Al Warner beat Tony Cimmino, 8.

Moses Ward beat Clarence Hinnart, 6. Frankie Belanger outpointed Cassell Tate, 10. Wally Beckett outslugged Ron Crookes, 8. Tommy Leedle kayoed Elmer Haskill, 4, and Calvin Simmons, 1. Kit Pompey stopped Jimmy Brogden, 6. Jack LaBua defeated Vinnie DeCarlo, 8, kayoed Glen Hendershot, 5, and beat Johnny Cerky, 10.

Tony Percy beat Tarzan Beaudet, 6. Marcel Tirel edged out Aime Lombard, 10. Roland LeMoyne beat Joe Grimard, 10. Harry Braelow beat Jimmy Jewell, 8, and Baby Williams, 10.

Jules Bouquet whipped Gino Menozzi, 10. Billy LeBlanc beat Bill Trero, 6. Tiberio Mitri outpointed Mario Savoldi, 10. Bobby Hughes kayoed Ronnie Moore, 1. Tommy Compo beat Vincent Brown, 5.

Lou Josephs beat Bobby Lee, 6. Frankie Skidmore kayoed Danny Pafundi, 3. Stan Jones beat Sport Harvey, 6. Eddie Springer beat Art Thayer, 8, and again in 10.

Jackie Braddock edged out welterweight Leslie MceKnzie, 10. Steve Gideon kayoed Dennis Woodbury, 4. Al Turner kayoed Benson Brown, 6. Olle Bengtsson kayoed Joe Munro, 6. Felix (Choo Choo) Benson beat Abe Hilliard, 6.

Sid Barry kayoed Curtis Bruce, 2, but lost to Eddie Dixon, 6. Dixon drew with Irving Schulz, 6. Jimmy Lunn stopped Johnny Mitchell, 3. Cliff Garvey stopped Jimmy Quinn, 4. Willie Eaton defeated Jose Contreras, 8.

Pat Best beat Danny Taylor, 6. Taylor beat Riggie Alotti, 6. Stan Ketchell kayoed Al Michard, 5, and won on a foul from Smitty Hicks, 6. Jimmy Curl kayoed Eloy Vann, 1.

Ted Olla beat Eddie Sims, 6, and Jim Elby, 8. Smitty Hicks kayoed Paulie Walker, 4. Joe Grimard flattened John McDonough, 8. Joe Shaw beat Leonard Jackson, 6.

Bill Larrigo chilled Zack Rakicic, 11. Jackie Hughes flattened Al Smith, 5. Jimmy Morris outpointed Jimmy Champagne, 10. Johnny Brown whipped Al Hauser.

WELTERWEIGHTS

World champion Kid Gavilan won a split decision from Livio Minelli, 10, then was upset by Danny Womber, 10, (both non-title).

Johnny Bratton outpunched Al Wilson, 10, and Livio Minelli, 10. Gil Turner halted Johnny Lombardo, 7. Gerry Dreyer kayoed Phil Burton, 6, but lost to Italo Scortichini, 10.

Pran Mikus stopped Australian champion George Kapeen, 10 (non-title). Tommy Burns halted Harry Hayes, 8. Al Wilburn stopped Phil Warren, 3, and Leo Brennan, 2. Billy Stewart kayoed Billy Peters, 10.

Tommy Rudolph stopped Joe Clarke, 8. Clarke also lost to Barry Brown, 10. Claude Fortin beat Reggie Martina, 8. Jay Anderson polished off Jimmy Hatch, 2.

Joe Miceli lost to middleweight Pierre Langlois, 10. Ramon Fuentes decisioned Al Wilson, 10.

Carmen Basilio kayoed Carmine Fiore, 9. Chuck Davey made his first start since being kayoed by Kid Gavilan and stopped Sammy Giulani, 10. Hector Constance stopped Nai Usman, 4.

Tomas Lopez beat Memo Garmendia, 12. Danny Giovanelli outpointed Jackie O'Brien, 10. Del Flanagan lost to middleweight Jimmy Martinez, 10. Titi Clavel whipped Edgar Delannoit, 10, but lost to Idrissa Dione, 8.

Ike Williams outfought Billy Andy, 10. Alan Moody outfought Billy Sudduth, 8. Sudduth stopped Pat O'Grady, 3. Luther Rawlings kayoed Andy Anderson, 5. Al Pellegrini outpointed Fred Monforte, 10, and drew with Johnny Cesario, 10.

Joe Castaneda kayoed Nick Moran, 4. Stonewall Jackson outfought Chuck Price, 8. Augustin Ussin whipped Antonio Lopez, 10, and stopped Henri Goya, 10. Jed Black defeated Herb Jackson, 6, Ken Hohner, 5, and kayoed Mike Kelly, 1.

Danny Rubino defeated Willie Sydnor, 8. Iggy Vaccari beat Marshall Clayton, 10. Allie Gronick beat Norman Webb, 8. Teddy Antonetti outpunched Ike Jenkins, 8. Johnny Williams kayoed Gus Mell, 2.

Belgian champion Kid Dussart won from Italian title-holder, Luigi Valentini, on disqualification, 2. Al McCoy halted John Capitano, 5. Garbis Zakaryan drew with Freddi Teichmann, 6. Pat Lowry kayoed Chuck Foster, 5.

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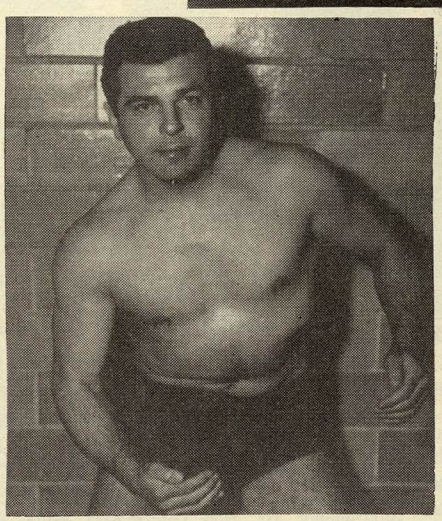
News of the MAT World

By NAT LOUBET

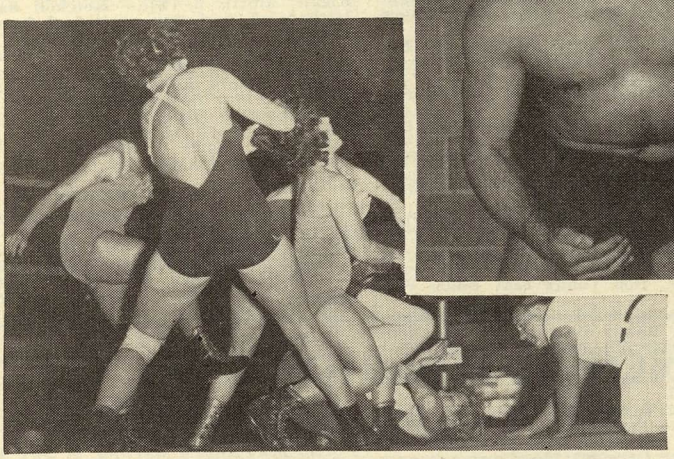
HAM FISHER, famous cartoonist and devotee of boxing and wrestling, in his strip "Joe Palooka", has been giving a good deal of space to a fictional character by name, Humphry Pennyworth. Our fictional friend is anything but the ideal wrestler from the point of view of the sculptor.

He is dumpy and eats like a horse. Now all followers of the grunt and groan trade know that most of the boys are not fat and they never eat like horses. The remainder of the script, by Mr. Fisher, is terrific. He has our hero, who has never even grappled for a bone, on a country-wide excursion knocking off the flower of the grappling gentry by the happy expedient of sitting on them, allowing them to ram their soft heads into his pouchy stum and so eliminate themselves. This would almost seem to follow the line of thought of a group of youngsters on a New York street whom I passed recently.

Tony Galento, currently making mucho dinero on tour, shows how he gets his opponents dizzy, and not from beer. Two-Ton Tony, ex-heavyweight boxing contender, has become a big attraction in grappling circles.



Bobby Ford of Youngstown, O., one of the younger crop to enter the heavyweight ranks. He's ready for the best. (Photo by Bob Utter)



Easy Girls! The gentler sex in a moment of relaxation. This is known as really using a wrestling ring. It is called a six-girl battle royal. Those recognizable are May Young giving Gloria Barittini's hair a work out.

One of the Dick Tracyites pointed a pistoola at a six-year-old robber and shouted, "Kill 'em before they multiply!"

All of which brings us to the point. How good are these headliners of the present? I receive a number of letters each day comparing this top-notcher (re the money scale) with Strangler Lewis or some other great of the past.

Many of the fans are fed up with the freaks, fancy dans and glamour boys with hair a la Schimel No. 4.

Today the arenas, where new faces are imported, do a thriving business whereas a decade or two back, wrestling promoters wondered where they would get the dough to open next week.

Perhaps what is wanted is a little less of the "Poodle Boy" and "Swat Girl" complex and a little more good wrestling, with a sprinkling of showmanship, instead of all showmanship and a sprinkling of good wrestling. Methinks we have gone too far afield in looking for the fan who will pay.

Many of the spots around the country are beginning to feel the pinch as the fans get sick of seeing the same old faces playing the same scripts. Before the game is dead all over again promoters had better heed the fans desires. They want new faces!!! They want much more of an exchange of stars between various sections of the country!

Ham Fisher, who has a knack of feeling the public pulse, hits the target when an unknown trims the cream of the country's name wrestlers. Many fans are beginning to feel that what they see isn't so good.

ON AND AROUND THE MAT . .

AS we go to press we are grieved to report losing two friends. Paul Lortie, Sault-Aux Recollets, Canada, who passed away at the age of 39, a wrestler and promoter in Montreal, of a heart attack. Paul and his three brothers, Bob, Theo and Rene, have been well known in Quebec athletic circles. And Young Billy Sandow, who died in Florida, at the age of 33.

Still rarin' to go at 63 Ed (Strangler) Lewis, manager of Lou Thesz. Ed started to wrestle at 14 and continued to make with the muscles until he was 47 (officially that is). Lewis is a native of Lexington, Ky., and toes the weights at 275. In his prime he packed around 225 onto his 6 foot 1 inch frame. Ya know what his real name is? Robert Frederich.

Ex-wrestler Leon Blount is a hero. It all happened down Dallas, Texas way. The 42-year-old Blount, owner of a piano sales house, lifted a piano off of Odell Wyatt, who had one of the Grands pin him to the floor. When five men failed to lift the piano Blount, who happened along, freed the pinned man. Leon had this to say: "The others couldn't raise the piano so I did it all by myself. Just one of those things one does in the excitement of an accident. A once in a lifetime."

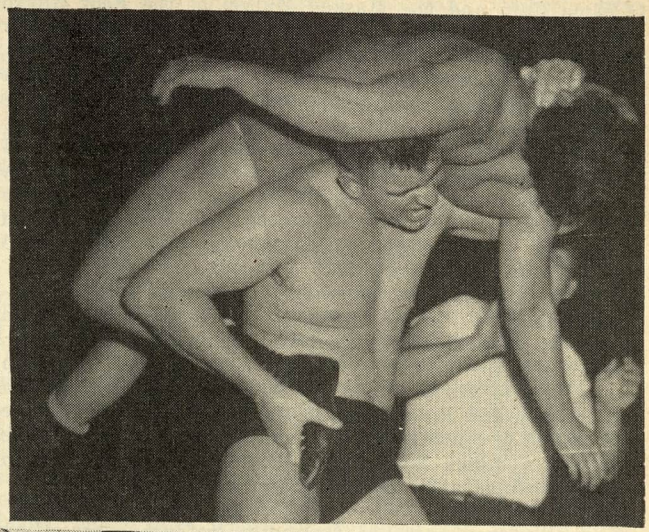
Ruffy Silverstein, Chicago grappler is probably one of the most adept of the grunt and groaners. Ruffy does

a superb job with any of the catch-as-catch-can holds and can hold his own in Judo as well. It all goes back to his early days. Ruffy was the Big Ten and NCAA wrestling champ while attending the U. of Illinois. The Judo was learned while serving as a captain with the Army in Japan.

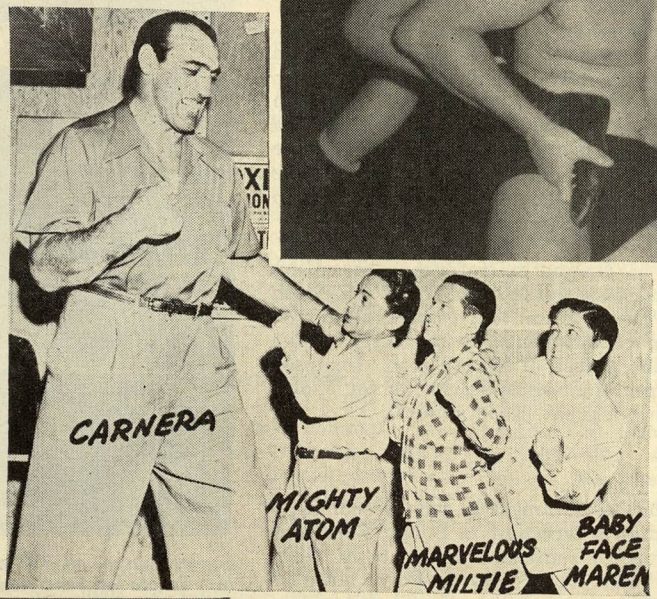
Antone (Ripper) Leone has won his first eight bouts since leaving the U. S. His work has been accomplished in South Africa while stopping off on his round the world tour.

Three out of four Warren County youths, who entered the New Jersey state wrestling tournament held at Elizabeth, won championships. Allen Schaare of Washington, 123-pound class; Dick Cornish of Washington, 141-pound class; Jim Bronico of Phillipsburg, 168-pound class. Nick Biondi of Union received the award as the outstanding performer, with Schaare giving a very impressive performance in his semi-final and final bout, in which he defeated Bob Flynn, of Fair Lawn, 8–0 and Dick Scorese, of Springfield, 5–0.

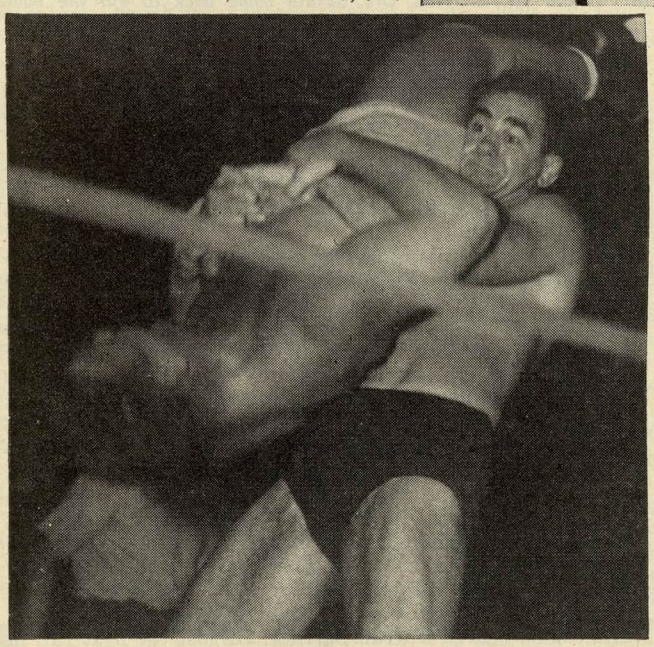
106 lbs.—*Dick La Iacoma, of Leonia,* pinned Howard Burt of Roselle Park, 5:06. 115 lbs.—*Harvey Weiss, of Union,* defeated Dave Frisby, of Paulsboro, 4–3. 123 lbs.—*Allen Schaare, of Washington,* defeated Dick Scorese, of Springfield, 5–0. 130 lbs.—*Dan Gray, of Newton,* defeated Bob Hennessy, of Roselle Park, 7–6. 136 lbs.—*Nick Biondi, of Union,* defeated Jim Kosteini, of Newton, 5–2. 141 lbs.—*Dick Cornish, of Washington,* defeated Don Gucker, of Roselle Park, 8–3. 148 lbs.—*Sal Amato, of Bound Brook,* defeated Tom Williams, Roselle Park, 9–3. 157 lbs.—*Joe Yeats, of Roselle Park,* defeated Jim Gentile, of Paulsboro, 3–2. 168 lbs.—*Jim Bronico, of Phillipsburg,* defeated Sam Quattrocci, of Paulsboro, 4–1. Heavyweight—*Mike Sandusky, of Bound Brook,* defeated Charlie Del Bene, of Plainfield, 7–0.



Oh, my aching back! Big Bill Miller, ex-Ohio State football player uses the old back breaker on Don Lewin. Miller won the match. (Photo by Bob Utter)



Primo Carnera, ex-heavyweight boxing champ of the world, and three of the top-notch midgets who'd rather take lessons from Carnera than face him in the ring.



The NWA champ Lou Thesz, shows how to drive a pile . . . the pile is Ray Gunkle of Texas. Lou took two out of three falls with Ray, using his head to good advantage. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Toledo played host to the first National A.A.U. Greco-Roman wrestling tournament ever held in the U. S. Purdue University copped three of the eight crowns. Walt Romanowski, Chicago boilermaker student, took the 147-pound trophy, Vern Whitney, Purdue student from St. Louis, won the 125-pound class championship and Ahmet Senol, who finished in fifth place for Turkey in the 1952 Olympics, became the 174-pound champ for Purdue. . . . Greco-Roman style does not permit holds below the waist. . . . Point of interest . . . the U. S. has never had an entrant in Greco-Roman Olympic competition, but A.A.U. is working toward same in next Olympics. . . . Russia won four of last eight places in last Olympics—Greco-Roman style.

Tony Stecher, promoter out Minneapolis way, has a good looking young prospect in Tony Baillargeon, a French-Canadian, who like the pride of the Irish, Pat O'Connor, makes great use of the drop kick.

Fred Atkins, called the Australian champ in some quarters, was onced by Enrique Torres when he took the place of Fred Sharpe, who was forced to drop out of the match because of an injury. Torres beat Atkins in two out of three falls. Place: Los Angeles.

New Orleans saw the Baby Blimp take two out of three falls from Al Massey. . . . Kinji Shibuya finally met his match at the St. Paul Armory when Paul Baillargeon pinned that stalwart after a mighty dropkick at 22:20. On the same card Cora Combs of Tennessee defeated Mary Jane Mull at 16:20.

At Baltimore, the Golden Terror and the Mighty Ursus drew at the end of thirty minutes when both were so banged up that they were unable to continue. . . . At Scranton, Pa., Mighty Atlas took the measure of Cowboy Carlson. Both men were stretched out on the canvas, with the toll reaching eight, when Atlas recovered sufficiently to place a body press on Carlson to win the match. It was two out of three falls.

Pat O'Connor, TV favorite from New Zealand, was the victor over Tiger Tasker, Canadian lumberjack, in two straight falls at Worcester. Pat used his drop kick special for the first fall and then made use of an airplane whirl to gain his second fall of the evening.

Yukon Eric took two out of three over Wladek Kowalski, at Montreal, with Jack Dempsey refereeing. . . . Eric then travelled to Scranton where he pinned that ole vet, Tiger Joe Marsh, in two straight falls, covering a period of less than 25 minutes. The Alaskan strong man scored his first fall after 16 minutes with a bear hug and continued triumph bent. Eight minutes and five seconds later a back breaker ended the bout. The Alaskan giant weighed in at 275 and grappled in dungarees, sans shoes. . . . Yukon ran into tough luck at Boston in the person of Yvon Robert who notched two out of three falls thusly: Eric took the first fall in 8:58, via a back breaker; Robert evened up things with a short arm scissors and press, at 5:56; Robert then maneuvered the giant Eric into a double arm lock and press to win the third and deciding fall in 3:28.

Hartford was the scene, and the play presented Adrian Baillargeon and Yvon Robert pairing to triumph over

O'Yama Cato and the Masked Marvel at the Foot Guard Hall. Adrian carried the load and did the big dealing for the team. He was pinned by the Masked Marvel, at 10:40, but snapped back to drop the Jap in 6 minutes. Ten seconds later the Canadian strong man had pinned the Jap again, for the third and deciding fall. Another night, but same town (Hartford), with the Masked Marvel and Yvon Robert the starring roles. Each won a fall and after 1:55 of the third fall was under way the referee, ex-heavyweight champ Jack Sharkey, called it a draw when both principals ended up outside the ring and failed to return to the squared circle within the 20 count.

The Boston Garden saw one of the games leading contenders for Lou Thesz's crown, Verne Gagne, defeat Yvon Robert by drop kicking his worthy opponent into oblivion. Robert won the first fall with an arm scissors and then Verne went to work. A series of drop kicks won the second fall for him and Robert was in such bad condition that he was unable to continue with the match. At Montreal Gagne also won a match from Primo Carnera when the Preem was disqualified after each had won a fall.

Jack Dempsey came to Omaha to referee a wrestling match and paid a surprise visit to the members of the South Omaha Eagles Lodge. "Dode" Hamilton, former fighter as well as a former boxing commissioner, is secretary of the organization and was the object of Jack's visit. Dempsey spent two hours there signing autographs, posing for photos with members and making a great hit in general.

Bobby Ford

A TALL, dark and handsome youngster, who resembles a movie star rather than a wrestler, is Bobby Ford, one of the finest matmen ever to represent the state of Ohio.

The art of matching holds comes easy to Ford, since he was a natural athlete while in high school and starred in four sports. He played halfback on the gridiron squad; guard on the basketball team; second base on the baseball nine, and was the No. 1 pole vaulter on the track crew.

Bobby, at present, is a member of the Youngstown Rangers polo team and could be a headliner in this profession should he decide to play in earnest. He was with the United States Coast Guard for two years during World War II.

On the mat this 6 foot, 210-pound grappler is a hard worker and a great crowd pleaser. His fast-moving style of grabbing holds makes him a hard man to corner. He specializes in leg holds and drop kicking.

From Cy Louth, Winnipeg, Canada;

Villains were subdued on Alex Turk's recent wrestling card at the Winnipeg Auditorium. This made the fans happy.

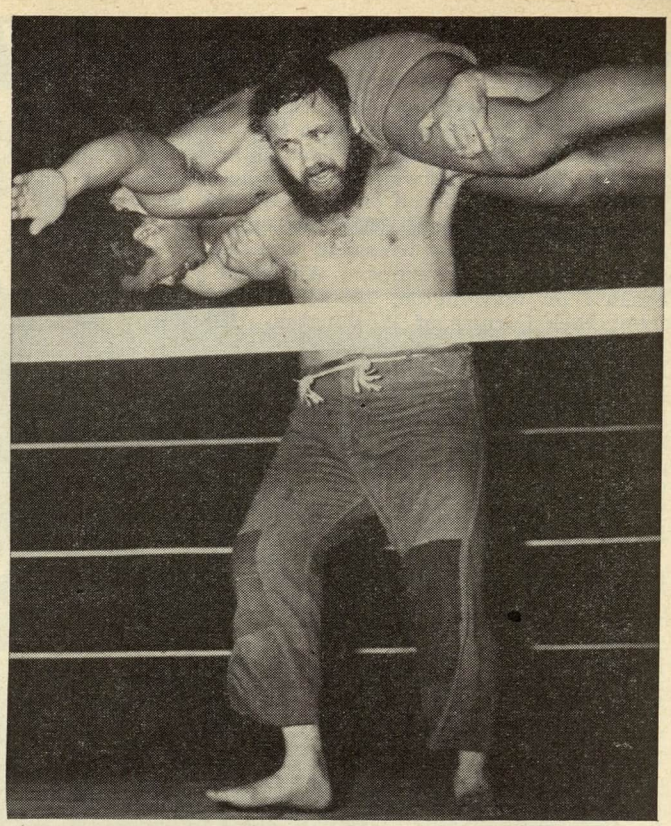
In the main event, Bronko Nagurski, 244, International Falls, Minn., and Jack Pesek, 226, Lincoln, Neb., took the first and third fall in a tag-team match with tough Hard Boiled Haggerty, 242, New York and Len Hughes, 242, another rough boy from Halifax, Canada. The second fall went to the bad men, with Pesek taking a good going-over before he was finally pinned for the count.

Winnipeg has gone wrestling mad. Promotor Turk, who usually holds two matches a month, is at present holding them weekly. Also, Steve Kozak, former Winnipeg wrestler now turned promoter, has a match lined up for next week. It means Winnipeg will have four wrestling matches in three weeks.

Too much, say some fans. The Manitoba boxing and Wrestling Commission shakes its head in bewilderment. But, the cash customers keep pouring in.

In the special event on Turk's latest card, Adrian Baillargeon, 240, one of the strong boys from Quebec, proved the master of Big Roy McDaniels, 250, St. Louis, in about 35 minutes. It was a good match, with McDaniels appearing amazed at Baillargeon's great strength.

The semi-windup was a dilly. Paul Baillargeon, 238, a brother of Adrian, took a lot of punishment before finally conquering Big Ike Eakin, 268, Harlan County, Ky. The big, blonde Kentuckian tossed all the rules out of the ring in an attempt to defeat the iron-muscled Frenchman, but to no avail. Once aroused, Baillargeon opened up, much to Big Ike's sorrow. Time was 25:06. Much of the time the gladiators were out of the ring. The press table proved a favorite landing spot.



Logger Larsen, all 220 pounds of him, applying an airplane spin to Mr. Sakata at Pendleton, Ore. Sakata came back to win the bout.

In the opener, Larry Hamilton, a newcomer to Winnipeg and a substitute for Stan Mayslack, polished off local boy Al Kornberg, 229, in 14:25 minutes. It was a good bout, though rather featureless.

Referee Bill Kuusisto, having been fired for a year following a mess he made of a recent wrestling match when he seemed to favor the rough, tough Mills brothers. Popular Wally Karbo, Minneapolis, handled the main event. The opener was taken by Steve Trojack, former Winnipeg heavyweight boxer, while Harold Nelson, local part-time wrestler, officiated at the special event and semi-windup.

The woods around here are full of referees.

Mighty Bronk Nagurski, 247, International Falls, who grows more powerful with age, and Big Ike Eakin, 264, Harlan County, Ky., who, in the early running seemed to be a hypnotized man, captured the tag team match against "dirty" Kinji Shibuya, 227, Hawaii, and Hard Boiled Haggerty, 244, New York, at Alex Turk's latest wrestling show at the Civic Auditorium.

The mighty Bronk was the hero of the match. Eakin, while eager, proved a weak partner. He lost the first fall in 18:25, and was getting the worst of the deal in the second encounter. The Hawaiian had him floored in the ring, while Haggerty was outside the squared area working on his legs. Here Bronko leaped from his corner and drove Haggerty away with mighty blows. The judges called a halt and the second fall was awarded to the Nagurski-Eakin combination.

In the third, the Bronk took command, pinning Haggerty after a hectic few minutes. Then the fun began. Shibuya, leaping through the ropes, sent Nagurski reeling out of the ring with a well aimed Judo Chop. Both he and Haggerty then concentrated on the blond Eakin. When it was all over, Eakin was bleeding from the forehead and raving. It took both Referee Wally Karbo, Minneapolis, and partner Nagurski to calm him down and escort him to the dressing rooms, where an unscheduled free-for-all broke out.

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INCOMPETENCE

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evening sitting in his seat watching the slaughter. Tommy must have felt like one in a torture chamber as three more times in the fourth round his head and body crashed against the canvas while Referee Rawson kept counting to eight, something by now he should be extremely expert at doing! The scene by now had become reprehensible.

BY now the crowd got to its feet shouting to the referee to halt the one-sided affair. But Rawson ignored the pleas. As he started the count for the tenth knockdown, Collins handlers took the matter in their own hands, leaped over the ropes and ended the affair. Then, to add further to the disgraceful handling of this title match, while the fans stood in awe watching Collins, Rawson walked to a neutral corner without batting an eyelash, satisfied, apparently, that he had done a swell job. And as for the medical advisor, everyone at the ring side wondered where he was and why he didn't leap into the ring to examine the fighter!

The announcer, making known a decision which millions of fight fans in America already knew, struck a comic note when he let it be known that "Referee Rawson stops the fight in 2:28 of the fourth round, the winner by technical knockout, James Carter." Rawson had reached a count of six when the seconds disqualified their man by leaping into the ring and though the fight will have to go into the record books as a knockout due to the decision of the State Commission, in reality, Carter, as in the case of Joe Louis in his fight with Buddy Baer in Washington, won by a disqualification.

And thus ended one of the worst managed, worst conducted, incompetently handled championship fights I have ever witnessed. One might expect such bewilderment from hick town officials but not from the State of Massachusetts. Even the press was manhandled, without seats at the ringside, no press tables to work at, and scribes from various parts of the country pushed and shoved around as if they were doing a special favor to the Commission, the building inspectors and Sam Silverman, the promoter, in covering the fight for their readers.

IT was a sad climax to Boston's most successful financial promotion, with a gross of $193,172.60 taken in at the gate and net of $123,477.22. It was the largest gate for an indoor lightweight title bout. Fortunately for boxing, there is only one city called Boston. Commissioner Lamar, boxing coach at Harvard University, who is chairman of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission, and a new hand in this business, should make it his business to remove those responsible for this terrible blight on the sport and should study up a little on what other states—New York, Illinois and Minnesota, in particular—have accomplished to protect fighters from injuries and fatalities. Perhaps a few conferences with Bob Christenberry and the executive heads of the NBA might help Massachusetts to get in line again with the spirit of humanity in conducting so strenuous a sport as boxing.

Carter, sharp in his hitting and clever in warding off the early attacks of his challenger who went into the ring the 11 to 5 underdog and was never given a chance to win by others than his Boston supporters, was jarred only once, in the opening round, when a clean right to the jaw tossed the champ back on his heels and brought a roar of applause from the spectators. Collins, who as a featherweight had defeated Willie Pep and was rated high, revealed in the opening round that he had nothing except his reputed punch, a wallop with which he expected to put away the defending champion but in Carter he found an elusive, sharp hitting titleholder who gave him little opportunity to make use of the lethal wallop.

THE opening round found Carter ahead by a small margin but in the second he began to take command and sprayed his opponent with many hefty body blows that indicated his class compared to that of the challenger. The beginning of the slaughter came seconds after the third round got under way. Carter started it by crashing his left hook to Tommy's jaw, the punch that caused Tommy, following a slight hesitation, to fall backward, as rigid as a plank falling to the floor.

His head struck the canvas with a thud and though Tommy was up at eight, never thereafter was he in the picture as a contender. The "built-up" local star, like Chuck Davey previously in Chicago against Kid Gavilan, didn't have a chance. At least Davey didn't suffer half what poor Tommy Collins was subjected to. One of the seven knockdowns almost found Tommy counted out. Referee Rawson had just counted ten when Collins got to his feet. The succession of knockdowns had transformed what was scheduled to be a world championship fight into a gladiatorial slaughter. For the sake of the record, let it be known that Rawson did ask Tommy after each knockdown if he was all right, but that was far from sufficient. Veteran ringside scribes and boxing fans all agreed that what he should have done was to halt the fight. He didn't have to ask a bleeding, half conscious boy how he felt. He should have noted the condition.

JEFF FIRST WORLD KING?

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By eliminating Jackson, then knocking out Fitzsimmons in the eleventh round at Coney Island on June 9, 1899, Jeff had a pretty clear hold on the world title—certainly a much more substantial hold than had his immediate predecessors, Sullivan, Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

Probably the most thorough job of eliminating international opposition, and establishing an undisputed right to the world championship, was that accounted for by little Tommy Burns, the Canadian. When Jeffries announced his retirement in 1905, a match between Marvin Hart and Jack Root was arranged for Reno, Nev., and Jeff refereed. The winner was supposed to be recognized as champion. Hart won. Then Burns came along. Tommy whipped Hart in Los Angeles, and lost no time solidifying his claim to the title. After whipping several American challengers, Tommy turned his attention to his international rivals. He knocked out the newly arrived Australian champion, Bill Squires, in San Francisco, then headed for Europe, where he flattened the British titleholder, Gunner Moir, in London, and the Irish entry, Jem Roche, in Dublin. Squires, not satisfied with the result of his first meeting with Burns, followed Tommy to Europe and was accommodated in Paris. Burns knocked him out again. The Canadian then moved on to Australia, where he polished off Squires for the third time, and disposed of another leading Australian, Bill Lang.

Thus, there was no doubt of the status of the world heavyweight title when Jack Johnson, who had chased Burns all the way from California, finally caught up to Tommy in Australia. By stopping the plucky little Canadian in the fourteenth round on December 26, 1908, Johnson became undisputed world champion, and he was the defending titleholder when Jeffries, by "popular demand," came out of retirement to meet the burley Galveston ex-stevedore in Reno, Nev., on July 4, 1910. The "hollow shell" of the once great champion was battered into submission by Johnson in fifteen rounds.

Since then, the world heavyweight title was moved along a fairly clear line, with one brief interlude following Gene Tunney's retirement in 1928. A series of eliminations, with outstanding international entries, produced the new titleholder two years later. It was the German, Max Schmeling, who was recognized as champion when he won on a fourth-round disqualification from the American, Jack Sharkey, in New York's Yankee Stadium.

It is interesting to note how "international" boxing has become since those pioneer days when it was the exclusive property of the English-speaking peoples in the United States and the British Empire. Among the heavyweight champions of the last quarter-century have been a German (Schmeling) and an Italian (Primo Carnera), while those who've been given cracks at the title include Georges Carpentier of France, Luis Angel Firpo of Argentina, Tom Heeney of New Zealand, Paulino Uzcudun of Spain, Tommy Farr of Wales and Arturo Godoy of Chile.

A world championship really covers the world nowadays.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

THROUGH the years the ring has uncovered many a colorful character, but none responsible for more tales and legends than Tom Sharkey, the grizzled old seadog who recently put in at his last port of earthy call.

Of the scores of yarns spun around Sharkey, probably the best known concerns the time Tom, accompanied by Tim McGrath and Spider Kelly, dropped into Sherry's restaurant in New York. The incident traces back nearly three-score years, but to this day the gag continues to be a popular standby with comedians in show business.

Sharkey ordered a lobster. When it was served, Tom glared at it doubtfully. One of the claws was missing. "What's the matter with it?" he demanded. "Nothing's the matter," the waiter assured him. When Sharkey continued to look skeptical, the waiter explained that lobsters were alive when dumped into the big glass showcase in the window, and sometimes they got to fighting with one another. "That's probably what happened to this one," he said. "It must have lost a claw in a fight."

"Yeah?" boomed Sharkey. "Well, take it back and bring me the winner!"

Another popular tale about Sharkey centered in his training siege at New Dorp, Staten Island, where he prepped for his title affair with Jim Jeffries at Coney Island.

It became a daily habit for Sharkey, after finishing his roadwork, to "relax" in a local tavern, order a glass of beer, and fill up on the free lunch. In time the owner became annoyed with his thrifty patron and complained to the bartender: "He spends a nickel for beer and gobbles up a dollar's worth of eats for nothing. From now on, when he's due, clear out the lunch and put in dog biscuits."

The next day Sharkey made his usual visit, ordered a beer, and strutted to the lunch counter. Puzzled, he looked for the eats, but when he couldn't find them he sampled a dog biscuit. He relished the canine chow so well he piled in with gusto and finished the lot.

After Sharkey left, the proprietor, in disgust, admitted defeat. "It's no use," he grumbled to the bartender. "You might as well put the lunch back."

The following day, Sharkey stopped in, slapped down his nickel for a beer, ambled to the lunch counter, gazed at it quizzically for a few moments, then turned to the bartender.

"Hey!" he shouted, "what happened to them cookies?"

ANOTHER quaint old character, active in boxing for the better part of a half-century, passed out of the scene when the wandering minstrel, Lew Raymond, died of a heart attack on a train en route from New York to Miami.

Though 73, Raymond (born Malick) was hustling right to the finish. He and his new boss, Joe Schaeffer, had just ended a week's visit in New York, arranging future attractions for the beautiful Dinner Key Auditorium in Miami.

A colorful personality was short, pudgy Raymond, chewing on the inevitable unlighted cigar. He had been a burlesque comic in his youth, and when he left the stage to try his luck as a boxing promoter, he toted show business right along with him. His keen sense of humor made him an interesting story-teller, and his mastery of "double talk," a carry-over from his burlesque days, was a never-ending source of delightful, if at times confusing, entertainment.

With all his clowning, Raymond was a shrewd matchmaker and a gifted showman. His first venture in boxing was with the Brooklyn Beach A.C. in 1909, and for the next dozen years he was recognized as one of the smartest promoters in New York. Lew's one regret was that he didn't get a crack at Madison Square Garden, but he didn't miss many of the other arenas in the city. Among those with which he was identified were Atlantic Gardens, Harlem and Pioneer Sporting Clubs, Clermont Rink, Boxing Drome and Queensboro Stadium. He also staged a couple of shows in the Polo Grounds.

We wouldn't know what prompted Raymond to drift away from his beloved New York, but it was during the early '20s that Lew began bouncing around the national landscape. His wanderings carried him first to Pittsburgh, where he remained four years. From there he moved on to Cleveland for a few shows. A year was spent in joint operations in Denver and Salt Lake City. Then he promoted in St. Louis for three years. Lew's next stop was the longest of all—fifteen years in New Orleans, with one brief return to St. Louis breaking in on the way.

Early this year Raymond departed the Crescent City to take over the matchmaking assignment for Schaeffer's new organization in Miami. One show had already been staged when Raymond and Schaeffer came on to New York for what was to prove Lew's last visit in his old home town.

THINKING of Raymond, one cannot help being reminded of the tremendous changes boxing has undergone since the days when Lew was operating in New York.

In this TV age, ordinary fighters pick up bigger paychecks than the topliners of yesteryear—yes, even world champions—were accustomed to getting for a usual night's labor. To quote the late Billy West: "Bums get more dough now by accident than good fighters used to earn on purpose."

Times have changed, indeed. A current Madison Square Garden card, for instance, offers one main event and a load of miscellany underneath. Back in the Frawley law era, it was a regular thing for clubs like the Harlem, St. Nick and Manhattan Casino to stage all-star bills with three and four ten-rounders, any one of which could have been an attractive windup by itself. The usual admission prices were $1, $2 and $3, with the top occasionally going to $5.

We recall some of the shows Raymond, then matchmaking of John (The Barber) Reisler, put together at the Harlem in 1915–16. Twice, four weeks apart, he booked cards featuring New York's three leading Jewish lightweights—senior Leach Cross, junior Abe (Young) Brown and sophomore Benny Leonard. Cross' opponents were Johnny Harvey and Ad Wolgast, Brown tangled with Matt Wells and Joe Welling, and Leonard hooked up with Joe Azevedo and Joe Mandot.

The enterprising Raymond even topped those programs when he signed *three world champions* for one show! One of them, bantamweight Johnny Ertle, was unable to appear because of damages suffered in a Philadelphia bout a few nights before, but the other two fulfilled their ends of the bargain, lightweight Freddie Welsh taking on Frankie Whitney and featherweight Johnny Kilbane accommodating Harry Donahue.

What price that sort of stuff today?

POT SHOTS. . . . Not waiting to be drafted, Norman Hayes, 22-year-old Boston middleweight, has enlisted in the Army for a two-year hitch. Hayes is one young man who shouldn't worry about exploding bombs. He's well used to them. In a year and a half as a main-eventer, the kid, in succession, tangled with Robert Villemain and Jake LaMotta in Boston, Charley Humez and Laurent Dauthuille in Paris,

LaMotta again in Detroit, Ernie Durando in New York, Lee Sala in Brooklyn, Joey DeJohn in Detroit, Carl (Bobo) Olson in San Francisco and Boston, Claude Milazzo in Paris and Jesse Turner in St. Louis. What an assortment of bomb-tossers! We wouldn't know how Randy Turpin happened to be overlooked. It must have been purely an oversight on the part of Manager Johnny Buckley.

Johnny Sullivan, colorful 20-year-old Britisher, whose promising campaign in American rings was halted by the managerial "war", has been doing all right for himself since his return to England. Johnny stopped his first two opponents and in his third start was edged out of a close decision by Britain's No. 2 middleweight, Gordon Hazell, in Manchester. Hazell was a bit too ringwise for Sullivan, but the kid had the satisfaction of scoring knockdowns in the second and tenth rounds.

Apparently giving up the idea of trying a ring comeback, Tony Janiro has become a bartender at "The Neutral Corner," popular Eight Avenue tavern co-owned by his manager, Frankie (Jay) Jacobs.

THIS department is ever ready to welcome and encourage suggestions designed to improve general conditions in boxing. But we cannot develop enthusiasm for the National Boxing Association's idea of shuffling weight alignments to create more divisions and more titles. We haven't enough fighters now for what divisions there are.

At its annual dinner in Newark, the New Jersey Boxing Guild (an affiliate of the International) honored Willie Ratner of the *Newark Evening News* for his long association with the beak-busting industry. Willie recently completed 42 years with the one paper. As a kid in knee pants, he started working there as a copy boy. Because of his avid interest in sports, particularly boxing, it wasn't long before he was handling regular assignments. In time his "Punching the Bag" column became a feature of the *News'* sports pages. With the decline in boxing activity, Ratner's reportorial talents in recent years have been devoted mainly to horse racing, but he keeps in touch with the fight beat and covers an occasional show.

Incidentally, the Jersey Guild is an odd setup. It's supposed to be an organization of managers, dedicated to the welfare of boxing, but 50 per cent of its members have no licenses, 90 per cent have no fighters, and the state's once-bustling fistic activity has dwindled to one club in Newark, which still operates weekly but barely ekes out an existence, and another in Trenton, which runs on a now-and-then basis.

You just cannot satisfy some folks. First, Referee Tommy Rawson in Boston arouses the wrath of the citizenry by not stopping the Jimmy Carter-Tommy Collins massacre soon enough. Then, in Milwaukee, Referee Ted Jamieson is hooted out of the ring for halting the Dan Bucceroni-Wesley Bascom thing too soon. . . . Rawson absorbed the blasting of the populace in better style than did Jamieson. Incensed at the treatment, Ted, officiating in Wisconsin rings since 1926, is reported to have turned in his license. . . . Jamieson was a pretty fair fighter in his day. He was the guy Gene Tunney outpointed to win the A.E.F. light-heavyweight title in Paris at the close of World War I. In his pro career, Ted tangled with the likes of Harry Greb, Jack Renault, Bob Martin, Chuck Wiggins and Bob Roper.

THE month's results:

Facing the stiffest test of his brief but spectacular career, 1952 Olympic Champion Floyd Patterson, 166½, Brooklyn, spotted nine pounds and a load of experience to rugged Dick Wagner, 175½, Toppenish, Wash., and survived a blistering body belting to box and punch his way to a split decision in a rousing eight at Eastern Parkway. In posting his sixth win as a pro 19-year-old Patterson went beyond five rounds for the first time, but he covered the distance in encouraging fashion. He weakened in the fourth when Wagner's vicious body attack had him gasping and stumbling, but rallied strongly in the closing sessions to outlast the veteran. Pat Best, 155, Englewood, N. J., won from Danny Taylor, 150, West Side, in the semi-final six. In another scheduled six, Joe Lindsay, 192, Brooklyn, returned to the ring after an absence of two and a half years to stop Bob Isler, 176, Wilson, N. C., at 2:03 of the fifth. In fours, George Chementi, 152½, Yorkville, decisioned Joe Fusco, 151¾, Waterbury, Conn., and Frank Pugliano, 144½, outpointed a fellow-Brooklynite, Kenny Rockford, 140½.

Loafing most of the way, and spurting only when he felt in the mood, Johnny Bratton, 149, Chicago, shadow-boxed his way to a decision over Al Wilson, 145¾, Englewood, N. J., in a tame ten at Ridgewood Grove. The aggressive Wilson fought earnestly enough and succeeded in scoring with some solid shots to Bratton's body in the fourth, seventh and ninth, but for the most part he was outboxed by the flashy Chicagoan, whose educated left hand had no trouble getting through his awkward defense. Jose Ramos, 126¾, Puerto Rico, hustled and bustled his way to a decision over the veteran Charley Titone, 124, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Another six ended at 2:33 of the third, Jimmy Williams, 157½, Brooklyn, stopping Willie Boyd, 163, Chicago. Local Brooklynites had a pair of fours to themselves, Paul Destino, 147, outpointing Steve Berrows, 148, and Carl Calabro, 140½, decisioning Carmine DeVito, 143.

Though lacking much of his one-time speed and effectiveness, Eddie Compo, 131¾, New Haven, Conn., had enough stuff left to take a unanimous decision from willing but crude Jimmy Wilde, 136, Bronx, in a dull eight at White Plains County Center. Wilde forced the action most of the way but the veteran Compo was too shifty and ringwise for him. The semi-final six, an all-West Indian affair, was over at 2:32 of the second, Jerry Kortright, 128½, Puerto Rico, disposing of Ray Miranda, 133½, Cuba. Lester Jackson, 161, Bronx, outfought Ricardo King, 160½, Harlem, in another six. In fours, Kevin Griffin, 148, White Plains, edged out Sammy Marin, 145, Bronx; Johnny Betancourt, 139, Long Island City, whipped Earl Dennis, 140¾, Wilmington, Del., and Frank Gioseffi, 185, Bronx, needed less than a round (2:48 to be exact) to polish off a borough rival, Victor Anthony, 185. The show closed the 1952-53 season at the Westchester Club.

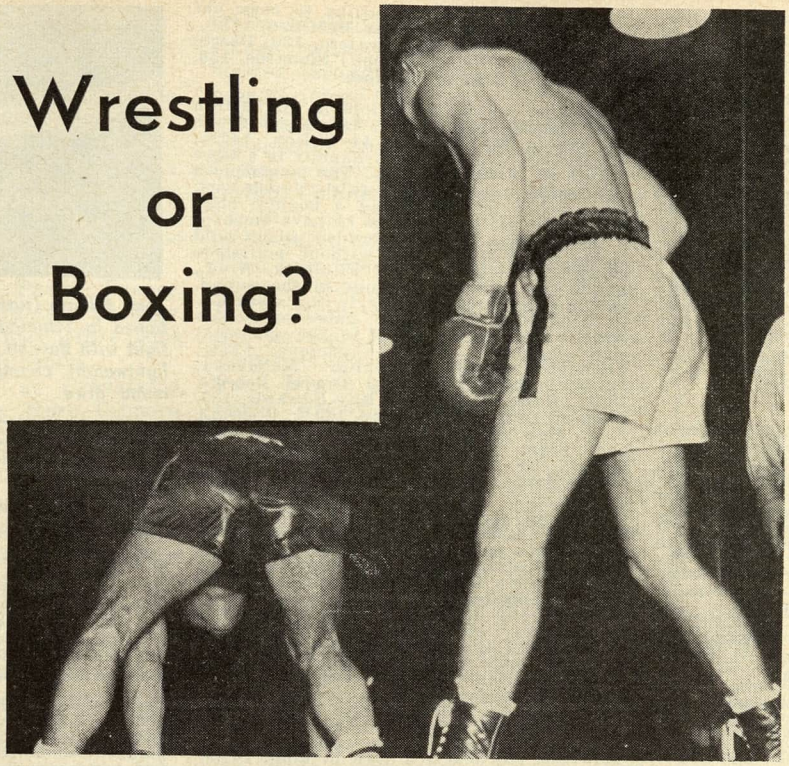
In another season's finale, this one at Sunnyside Garden, Italo Scortichini, 153½, Italy, mauled his way to a decision over Harold (Izzy) Drucker, 160, East Side, in a sloppy eight. It was a scrambling affair between two awkward opponents, and few solid punches were landed by either. The officials decided that Scortichini's fumbling aggressiveness earned the call over Drucker's clumsy counter-punching. Mike Tocci, 127, Jersey City, slugged his way to a verdict over the veteran Filberto Osario, 128½, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. Ray Edwards, 134 Jamaica, was a bit too shifty for Walter Johnson, 133½, Paterson, N. J., in another six. In fours, Gene Johns, 150½, Bronx, had the better of Willie Eaton, 154½, Hartford, Conn.; George Chimenti, 151½, Yorkville, divided the honors with Jimmy Squires, 153½, Brooklyn, and Bernie Lynn, 148½, Jamaica, accounted for the only knockout on the card by stopping Iggy Zotto, 147½, Bronx, at 1:04 of the second.

Back from his native South Africa, where he acquired the British Empire welterweight title, lanky Gerald Dreyer, 149, started his new American campaign by getting credit for a kayo over an inept Phil Burton, 143, St. Louis, at 2:52 of the sixth at St. Nicholas Arena. Burton substituted for Tex Gonzales, inducted into the Army that morning. The St. Louis veteran either wasn't in condition on such short notice, or too many tough battles had finally caught up to him. He was pathetically feeble against Dreyer, and did little but sop up punishment until the sixth when he tumbled twice to the canvas. Referee George Walsh called a halt after Phil's second trip down. Teddy Antonetti, 147, Puerto Rico, decisioned Ike Jenkins, 145½, Harlem, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Jimmy Scalero, 139, Stamford, Conn., won from Monserrato Matos, 133, Puerto Rico, and Larry Baker, 143½, Bronx, stopped Paulie Griffin, 147, Brooklyn, at 1:50 of the fourth. In fours, Joe Fusco, 149¾, Stamford, beat Tony Racine, 146½, Bronx, and Bob Gory, 128½, Peekskill, N. Y., whipped Dave Carillo, 127½, Puerto Rico.

Over-eagerness in his Eastern debut—and first showing on a TV network—cost Garth Panter, 162½, Salt Lake City, a split decision in a rugged, free-punching ten with Tuzo Portuguez, 163½, Costa Rica, at Eastern Parkway. A strong, willing slugger, Panter tried too hard in the early rounds. When he slowed down from the fast pace he ran into some rough moments, particularly in the seventh and eighth. He came back with a strong last-round rally and appeared to have scored a knockdown when a right to the chin sent Portuguez to one knee. Tuzo was up immediately, however, and Referee Ray Miller ruled it a slip, not a knockdown. Tom Jackson, 196, Rockaway Beach, hustled out a decision over Bob Golden, 189½, Denver, Colo., in the semi-final six. Another six was halted at the end of the fourth, Monroe Kurtz, 152½, Newark, winning from Ike Chestnut, 124½, Washington Heights, whipped Filberto Osario, 129, Puerto Rico; Frank Ippolito, 139½, outpointed a fellow-Bronxite, Frank Pugliano, 144½, and Carl Calabro, 138, Yorkville, won from Charley Kelly, 137, Jamaica.

Though he won handily enough, young Danny Giovanelli, 145½, Brooklyn, had some trying moments with the awkward, switch-hitting tactics of Jackie O'Brien, 147, Meriden, Conn., in an interesting if not too exciting ten at Ridgewood Grove. It was the first time Giovanelli travelled the full ten-round distance and he covered it in fine style. Danny had O'Brien in trouble in the sixth and tenth, but the Nutmeg Stater used his experience to weather the storms. The bout gave Giovanelli his eleventh straight victory and ran his total pro score to 19-2. A pair of scheduled sixes were over in a hurry. In the semi-final, Ike Thomas, 191, Minneapolis, polished off Tony Esperti, 190, Brooklyn, at 2:09 of the first. The other six didn't last much longer, Sid Barry, 158, Paterson, N. J., stopping Curtis Bruce, 158, Newark, at 43 seconds of the second. In fours, Jimmy McMillan, 178, Newark, outfought Johnny Cappi, 179½, Long Island City, and Bob Gory, 138½, Peekskill, N. Y., whipped Vincent Biodoletti, 127, Brooklyn.

Wrestling or Boxing?



The meeting of Italo Scortichini and Gerald Dreyer at Ridgewood Grove resembled a messy barroom scuffle, so this version of "Bottoms Up" was an appropriate gesture. The unusual camera shot was snapped when Scortichini missed a wild swing and slipped to his gloves on the canvas. Picked as a soft touch, the Italian was a surprise winner.

Traveling ten rounds for the first time, and facing his first "name" opponent, 20-year-old Lulu Perez, 126¼, Brooklyn, came through with a decisive victory over Corky Gonzales, 129, Denver, Colo., at Eastern Parkway. Not too certain of himself at the start, Perez was outboxed in the early rounds but gained confidence as he went along and handed Gonzales a vicious shellacking from the sixth on. Knockdowns in the seventh and tenth added emphasis to Perez's performance. In the semi-final six, another promising youngster, Johnny Busso, 137½, East Side, posted his tenth straight pro win by stopping the veteran Chick Boucher, 142½, Manchester, Conn., at the end of the third. Another six, an all-Philadelphia affair, ended at 1 :06 of the final round, Joe Brewer, 147¾, halting Roosevelt Coward, 142. In fours, Joe Malanga, 220, Bronx, was too big for Ike Thomas, 190, Indianapolis; Jimmy McMillan, 177, Newark, outfought Gene Darconte, 173¾, East Side, and Johnny Gilson, 131, Broad Channel, drew with Bob Gory, 129¾, Peekskill.

Aggressiveness and harder hitting carried Arthur Persley, 138½, Red Cross, La., to a well-earned decision over clever Georgie Dunn, 136¾, Hartford, Conn., in a bruising ten at Ridgewood Grove. Dunn, who had been doing most of his recent fighting in Western Canada, showed fine boxing ability and a good left hand, but he was outhustled and outpunched most of the way by the busy Persley. The Louisianan got off to an early lead when he floored Dunn in the second, and he maintained his advantage to the finish. The veteran Charley Titone, 125¼, Brooklyn, was a bit too ringwise for willing Mike Tocci, 127, Jersey City, in the semi-final six. Al Hunter, 131½, Harlem, won from Edgar Stover, 136, West Side, in another six. In fours, Johnny Betancourt, 140, Long Island City, shared the honors with Sal Calabro, 138½, East Side, and Jimmy Squires, 152, Brooklyn, punched out a decision over Al Lynn, 148½, Jamaica.

In squaring accounts for a decision lost at Fort Hamilton eight months before, Ralph Jones, 154, Yonkers, proved too strong and durable for Jimmy Herring, 158, Ozone Park, in a scrambling ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Jones nearly finished matters in the second when he slugged Herring half-way through the ropes with a right to the jaw, but Jimmy, taking an eight-count, came back to make things fairly close the rest of the way. Herring was credited with a knockdown in the fifth when Jones, off-balance, was clipped by a right and dropped to one knee. Unbeaten in twelve pro starts, Tom Jackson, 193, Rockaway Beach, turned in the best performance of his brief career by decisioning experienced Joe Lindsay, 191½, Brooklyn, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Filberto Osario, 129, whipped a rival Puerto Rican, Jerry Kortright, 125½, and another islander, the veteran Bobby Rosado, 146, lost to Calvin Davis, 151, Long Island City. In fours, Bill Coleman, 151½, Philadelphia, beat Joe Fusco, 154, Stamford, Conn., and Alexander Brown, 200, Paoli, Pa., drew with Jack Taylor, 212, Newark.

Awkward but willing Roland (Mickey) Laurent, 158¾, France, celebrated his American debut by hustling his way to a draw with Tuzo Portuguez, 159¾, Costa Rica, in a rough-and-tumble ten at Eastern Parkway. Hunched behind a defense of shoulders and arms, Laurent presented a difficult target for Portuguez to shoot at, but the Central American managed to get through with a right in the third and dump the Frenchman on his panties. Tuzo was down himself a few moments later, but more from a slip than a punch. Portuguez hurt Laurent with some lusty body clouts, but he waited too much, failed to take advantage of his opportunities, and permitted the Frenchman to earn a draw by aggressiveness. In sixes, Charley Slaughter, 131½, Westfield, N. J., decisioned Houston Brown, 138¾, Cleveland, and Felix Benson, 154, Philadelphia, won from Abe Hilliard, 153¾, Rockaway Beach. In fours, Carl Calabro, 140¾, Brooklyn, kayoed Sal Calabro, 138½, East Side, at 1 :25 of the third, and Joe Fusco, 153¾, Stamford, Conn., finished Joseph Fioreto, 151¼, East Side, at 2 :32 of the fourth.

Picked as a soft touch, Italo Scortichini, 154¾, Italy, surprised the onlookers and befuddled his opponent by outscrambling the British welterweight champion, Gerald Dreyer, 149¾, South Africa, in a sloppy ten at Ridgewood Grove. Whatever boxing form the supposedly clever Dreyer may have had vanished before Scortichini's clumsy, wild-swinging assaults, and the bout degenerated into something resembling a messy barroom scuffle between a couple of Saturday night drunks. In the semi-final six, Walter Johnson, 132½, Patterson, edged out a New Jersey rival, Lou Martino, 137, Jersey City. Danny Taylor, 148, Bronx, had the better of Riggie Alotti, 153, East Side, in another six. Two fours were abbreviated by knockouts, Frank Flood, 178¼, Yorkville, failing to come out for the third against Jimmy McMillan, 178½, Newark, and Frederico Escalero, 139, Puerto Rico, stopping Felton (Tippy) Simmons, 138, Brooklyn, at 2 :07 of the first.

Showing for the first time in an Eastern ring, Ramon Fuentes, 147, Los Angeles, was too speedy for plodding Al Wilson, 146¾, Englewood, N. J., and won handily in a tame ten at St. Nicholas Arena. The mustachioed Californian proved to be a fairly nimble sort, with a fast left hand and a bouncy, slap-dash style. He didn't seem to have much of a punch, however. He landed some solid rights on Wilson's chin without noticeable effect. Phil Saxton, 172, Elizabeth, N. J., scored four knockdowns—one in the second, two in the fourth and one in the seventh—in trouncing previously unbeaten Richie James, 168, Philadelphia, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Vinnie Calderone, 123¾, Brooklyn, outpointed Danny McNamara, 121¾, Pottsville, Pa., and Tommy Roberts, 135¼, Harlem, won from Ray Edwards, 135, Jamaica. In fours, Bob Gory, 129½, Peekskill, N. Y., drew with Braxton Reed, 131, Harlem, and Frank Ippolito, 138½, East Side, finished Carl Calabro, 141, Brooklyn, at 2 :26 of the first.

Non-stop aggressiveness and vicious body punching carried Gil Turner, 152, Philadelphia, to a knockout over Johnny Lombardo, 151½, Mt. Carmel, Pa., when Referee Barney Felix called a halt after one minute of the seventh at Eastern Parkway. Lombardo wasn't down at any time, but he was stumbling around, near exhaustion, when Felix intervened. Until the blistering pace caught up to him, Lombardo gave a good account of himself, jolting Turner several times with fast rights and holding his own in some of the exchanges. Raoul Perez, 149½, Cuba, edged out Billy Whye, 156, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. Irwin Schultz, 164¾, Yorkville, was held to a draw by Eddie Dixon, 160½, Brooklyn, in another six. In fours, Bob Gory, 128¾, Peekskill, outpointed Johnny Gilson, 130¾, Bronx. Kevin Griffin, 151, White Plains, decisioned Tony Racine, 149, Quebec, and Paddy Flood, 142, Yorkville, stopped Jimmy Meehan, 141, East Side, at 1 :43 of the fourth.

Out of the ring seven months—since his unsuccessful jaunt to Australia—Walter Haines, 145, Brooklyn, was outlasted by Ted Murray, 148, Long Island City, in a lively ten at Ridgewood Grove. Relying mainly on defensive, counter-punching tactics, Haines shaped up fairly well in the early rounds, but he slowed down from the aggressive Murray's lusty swings to the body and had some rough moments in the latter stages. In the semi-final six, between a couple of New Jersey rivals, Pat Best, 150, Englewood, grabbed the decision from Danny Rubino, 154, Hoboken. In other sixes, Ray Ryan, 168½, Brooklyn, was a winner over Elijah Edwards, 165½, Florida, and a nasty cut over his left eye stopped Jimmy McMillan, 177½, Newark, from coming out for the fifth against Tony Johnson, 173½, East Side. Chickie Biondeletti, 126½, Brooklyn, split the honors with Braxton Reed, 130, Harlem, in 4.

TRINIDAD, B. W. I. NOTES

By Sandy Parkinson

OPINIONS were sharply divided among the 6,000 fans when a draw was announced at the end of a ten-round bout between Puerto Rican born United States Marine, Tony Allegro, 143½, and Boswell St. Louis, 140, Trinidad and British West Indies lightweight champion, at the Mucurapo Stadium.

Allegro faded fast after a six-round attack by St. Louis and held on continuously in the following rounds.

Some of the crowd, headed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Hubert Rance, felt that St. Louis, a cagey, clever fighter with a big heart, had clinched the decision in the last half of the fight.

The Marine hit with speed and power and St. Louis looked a poor match in the first three rounds as Allegro peppered him with left hooks and right crosses.

St. Louis said afterwards that Allegro was the "hardest hitter I have met in my 22 fights." The Marine did stagger the 21-year-old lightweight champion, and but for his grand defense and capacity to take a punch, the fight might have been over in the third.

The sparkling ten-round semi-final between Yack Subero, 134, and Lennox Downes, 133½, ended in a draw.

Bob Pastor, 153½, outpointed Ken Phillips, 157½, over eight rounds fought in a heavy drizzle and Walton Walker, 144½, got the nod at the end of six rounds of good action with Mel Bennett, 145. Both were making their professional debut.

Tony Allegro (right) United States Marine stationed in Trinidad, is short with a right in his fight with Boswell St. Louis, British West Indies lightweight champion. The bout was a ten round draw.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

CAMPO DEPORTIVO DURANGO.—Juan Leanos, 130, bested Salvador Mares, 132, in ten. Hector Garcia, 130, stopped San Luis Kid, 132, in the ninth.

Arena Casino, Chavez, Coah.—Cesar Saavedra, 130, outpointed Domingo Hidalgo, 134, in ten rounds. Chale Carrollo, 141, KO'd Chino Colonia, 137, in the sixth round.

Arena Rosita, Torreon.—Humberto Carrillo, 126, TKO'd Pepe Montes, 127, in the eighth round. Baby Carlos Leyva, 132, stopped Manuel Munoz, 133, in the fifth, when Manuel had received a badly cut eyebrow.

Arena San Pedro, San Pedro.—Juan Leanos, 132, embalmed Bobby Silva, 133, in the sixth. Alfonso Flores, 139, kayoed Jerson Perez, 137, in two.

Arena Casino, Chavez, Coah.—Jesus Soto, 146, KO'd Daniel Martinez, 150, in the sixth round. Raton Robles, 115, and Lupe Esquivel, 117, drew in eight rounds.

Arena Obrero, Torreon.—Cesar Saavedra, 128, convincingly outpointed Tomas Castillo, 127, Mexico City, after ten well-fought rounds. Carlos Talamantes, 146, decisioned Rendon Soto, 143, after ten rounds.

Arena Rosita, Torreon.—Baby Luna, 125, won a decision over Lucio Gonzalez, 118, in ten. Memo Dorantes, 119, TKO'd Manuel Ramirez, 117, in the sixth round. Serapio (Sapito) Jimenez, 116, bested Roberto Espinoza (Tarzan Kid), 117, in ten.

Arena Casino, Chavez, Coah.—Eduardo Rodriguez (Canelo Kid) 141, outpointed Domingo Hidalgo, 135, in ten rounds. Battling Coronado, 126, and Juan Collazo, 128, drew in eight rounds. Raton Robles, 117, bested Vicente Flores, 122, in six.

Arena Obrero, Torreon.—Joe Castaneda, 148, stopped Nick Moran, 152, Mexico middleweight champion, when the champ had received a badly cut eyebrow in the fourth round. Manuel (The Bull) Rocha, 143, stopped Mario Conde, 146, in the seventh.

Arena Rosita, Torreon.—Memo Dorantes, 118, outpointed Tommy Vazquez, 117, in ten rounds. Manuel Ramirez, 118, won by disqualification over Serapio (Sapito) Jimenez, 118, in the seventh round.

Arena Obrero, Torreon.—Juan Leanos, 130, bested Raul (Cachorro) Herrera, 131, in ten. Bobby Silva, 132, convincingly outpointed Alfonso Flores, 138, after ten rounds. Arturo Estrada, 134, kayoed Isaac Perez, 141, in four.

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HE'S UP—HE'S DOWN

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Jose Santa vs. Salvatore Ruggeriello. Ruggeriello was dropped 13 times, finally being halted in the sixth round.

December 2, 1940, at Toronto, Canada. Lou Salica vs. Small Montana. Montana was down nine times before the fight was stopped at 1:30 of the third round.

June 20, 1929, at Paris, France. Eugene Huat vs. Spider Pladner. Pladner was down 18 times before being stopped in the fifteenth round.

November 8, 1939, at Providence, R. I. Petey Scalzo vs. Herb Gilmore. Gilmore was down 10 times, being knocked out in the fifth round.

October 16, 1941, at Fall River, Mass. Larry Bolvin vs. Jackie Harris. Bolvin was floored 11 times, Harris nine times with Bolvin winning by a knockout in the sixth round.

December 28, 1931, at Atlantic City, N. J. Harry Blitman vs. Hal Murray. Murray was on the canvas 23 times before being halted in the seventh round.

November 23, 1939, at Little Rock, Ark. Max Doyle vs. Jim Merritt. Merritt was down 20 times, Doyle three times, with Merritt losing the ten-round decision.

October 12, 1939, at Little Rock, Ark. Buddy Baer vs. Max Doyle. Doyle dropped 10 times, was stopped in the third round.

September 12, 1945, at Elizabeth, N. J. Arturo Godoy vs. Dan Merritt. Merritt was down nine times, referee stopping fight in the second round.

February 8, 1940, at Boston, Mass. Paul Junior vs. Honey Mellody. Mellody was down seven times, being knocked out in the first round.

December 22, 1946, at Sarasota, Fla. Frankie Saia vs. Roy Vachon. Vachon dropped 16 times and kayoed in the eighth round.

April 7, 1947, at El Paso, Tex. Dolph Quijano vs. Jimmy Webb. Webb down 11 times, the fight stopped in the fifth round.

November 18, 1946, at New Britain, Conn. Jimmy Jennette vs. Jose DeMedina. DeMedina dropped 21 times, losing a ten-round decision.

April 15, 1926, at New York, N. Y. Italian Jack Herman vs. Johnny Grosso. Grosso was down 13 times, Herman two times, with Grosso being stopped in the seventh round.

The above list totals 264 knockdowns in less than 144 rounds of fighting!

WHAT makes the Carter-Collins fight stand out, apart from it's being such a one-sided atrocity, is that it was a title fight, something none of the above bouts could claim.

However, there have been a number of championship mills which produced a high total of knockdowns.

Everyone knows about the two Dempsey thrillers which saw the Manassa Mauler hammer Jess Willard unmercifully at Toledo, dropping the big hulk of a champion seven times in the first round, and lambasting Luis Firpo a total of nine times in two rounds, seven of the knockdowns coming in the first stanza, with Dempsey himself being blasted through the ropes. They have been reviewed too often.

Mike O'Dowd took it out on Al McCoy a couple of times in middleweight title bouts, grabbing the crown in no uncertain fashion from him on November 14, 1917, at the Clermont Sport Club in Brooklyn, N. Y. O'Dowd had McCoy down four times in the fourth and was dropped himself twice in that round. In the sixth, when he finished up the job, he had McCoy down five times. They met again on July 17, 1919, at St. Paul, Minn., and in this one O'Dowd felled McCoy seven times in three rounds.

POSSIBLY the most farcical and tragically one-sided heavyweight championship bout in all history saw Max Baer take the crown away from the Ambling Alp, Primo Carnera. It was like taking candy away from a baby.

Throughout the fight Baer goaded Carnera, laughed at his clumsy antics, mimicked his wild lunges, pretended that the huge giant's crude and ineffective blows made his knees sag and all the while continuously switched from his playboy role to that of deadly killer as he savagely tore the Hulk apart.

In the first round he thrice dropped Carnera. In the second, he duplicated that feat and to top the ludicrous nature of the fight went toppling after Carnera to the canvas as he was wrestled down by the giant. In the third he only dropped Primo once and from then on seemed to be conserving his own energy as he was becoming spent from constantly pounding the huge man. Baer was the master, deliberately playing with a broken, bruising, bleeding and beaten champion. In the eighth, Carnera lunged wildly at Baer, who easily sidestepped, and fell flat on his face. The bout became more ridiculous as it wore on, no longer a contest. In the tenth, after Primo was downed twice again from terrific rights, it seemed that Referee Arthur Donovan had stopped the fight, reconsidered, and then let Carnera continue to take punishment. But is was only a mix-up on whether or not the round had ended. Everything happened in this fight!

In the eleventh Carnera was felled twice more and after two minutes, sixteen seconds of the round he turned to Donovan in a gesture of surrender.

Vic Toweel, the South African who won the world bantamweight title in only his fourteenth pro fight, had Danny O'Sullivan bouncing all over the place in his first defense of the title, on December 2, 1950, at Johannesburg. O'Sullivan was dropped fourteen times before being halted in the tenth round.

TOMMY COLLINS' execution at Boston Garden was even more startling than any of the other championship mills referred to for Carter is considered less than a dangerous hitter and though he figured to win easily, the manner in which he accomplished his victory was totally unexpected.

TEN—AND OUT!

The punches that dropped Tommy Collins ten times in less than four rounds:

THIRD ROUND—

1—a left hook for a count of 8.
2—a left, a right and a left for a count of 8.
3—a right for a count of 8.
4—a left to the body for a count of 8.
5—two rights for a count of 8.
6—a right for a count of 8.
7—a right uppercut for a count of 9.

FOURTH ROUND—

8—a left and a right for a count of 8.
9—a left for a count of 8.
10—a left and a right with no count.

BOXING NEWS FROM EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

By Thomas V. Deugau

On Friday, May 1, 1953, Promoter Jack Berry presented fight fans with the *best* fight card that has been staged in this city to date.

Teddy Herrington, 144, Edmonton, outboxed Kenny Grover in a welterweight opener. Grover was the aggressor all the way and he took Herrington's stiffest right-hand punch without too much trouble, but he could not land his own effectively and the unanimous decision went to Herrington.

Two light-heavyweights, Ernie Mazur, Edmonton, and Kid Sinclair, Slave Lake, put on a furious battle with Sinclair gaining the split decision.

"Pee Wee" Pietro Allessandrini, Edmonton, proved once again he was master over Jock McLean by scoring a KO in 27 seconds of the second.

Warriors Jerry Fraser, Ponoka and Tuppy Tyler, Edmonton, welters, staged a sensational six-round semi-final. Fraser, who is behind in a long series of fights with Tyler, was knocked down in the first round, but gamely fought back to win the last three rounds and the unanimous decision.

They are still talking about and still fighting the Earl Walls—Joe Kahut main eventer on this card. Walls was awarded a split decision at the end of ten full blazing rounds, but the judges' decision drew thunderous boos from the crowd. Dr. Less Willox, one of the judges, scored five rounds for Walls, four for Kahut and one even. He gave Walls 46 points, Kahut 44. Referee Johnny Smith gave each fighter four rounds and called two even. He gave both boys 42 points and called it a draw. Dr. Taylor, another judge, scored eight rounds for Walls and called two even. He gave Walls 50 points and Kahut 39. This writer gave Walls five rounds, Kahut three and called two even. Giving Walls 48 points and Kahut 42.

The fight started at a terrific pace and kept at that from then to the closing bell. In the first round Joe Kahut landed a sudden overhand right that sent Walls wheeling into the ropes; but Walls scored often with left jabs to make the first round even. In the second round Walls scored with a driving right hook that drove Kahut to the canvas for a nine count; however Kahut regained his feet and fought his way to safety.

Walls rushed out in the third to finish what he had started in the second, but Kahut stayed in close and Walls had to be content to land left jabs for most of the round.

Walls appeared tired in the fifth and Kahut continued to score to the head to win this round; but Walls came back to make the sixth round even.

Walls came out with a rush in the eighth and hurt Kahut with lefts and rights; and Kahut fought back gamely. Kahut stayed in close to Walls during the ninth round and made the Canadian champ miss badly. This was one for Kahut.

In the tenth round both boys rushed out and exchanged hard lefts and hard rights with Walls finding the mark more often, which gave him the final round.

Three thousand five hundred fans paid $7,000 to see the fight. Walls weighed in at 193, and Kahut from Portland and Woodbury, Ore., weighed in at 187.

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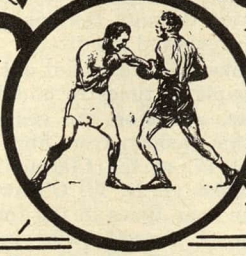


By HARRY WINKLER

ONE of the most promising youngsters in Los Angeles' boxing history was knocked out of the picture when Keeny Teran was stopped by Jesse Mongia in the fourth round at the Los Angeles Olympic. Teran may fight again, although he announced his retirement, but he will never again be the prospect that he once was. Mongia is neither fast or clever, but he had little trouble hitting Teran. Neither is Jesse a KO puncher, but he put Teran down for the count with a single blow.

Mongia is aggressive, rugged and a solid puncher, and that was all he needed to be to defeat Teran, who, at the start was too cautious, and who, after a few rough exchanges, tired badly. Keeny belted Mongia around in the third, rocking Jesse back on his heels several times, and the pro-Teran crowd cheered wildly, believing that the kid was on his way to victory. But Keeny came out tired in the fourth and Mongia had evened the score at the time he whipped over a right to Teran's jaw that dumped Keeny for the count. Mongia weighed 121, Teran 116. The turnout was the largest to witness an L.A. televised show this year.

The semi-final between Sal Flores, 159, and Armando Cotera, 154, was voted the best action fight staged in L.A. this year. It was a toe-to-toe slugging-bee up to the late seconds of the sixth and final round, when Flores dropped Cotero for an eight-count, and a few moments later flattened him the second time. Just as Cotero hit the floor, Referee Tommy Hart waved him out of competition, just as the gong ended the fight. It had been a very close scrap and the ending was a bad break for Cotera. The hilarious ringsiders tossed over a hundred dollars into the ring.

In the four-rounders, all exciting contests, Reuben Salazar, 131, whipped Sammy Higgins, 135; Gilberto Muniz, 132, nodded Roy Boyd, 132; Tony Maiorana, 125, bested Bobby Robles, 126; Ralph Duran, 148, and Tommy Villareal, 148, were declared no-decision in the third round, due to a foul blow.

The ending of the above Flores-Cotero bout is a good example of the injustice of referee's not giving a knocked down boxer a full count. It is not meant here that a boxer must be counted out before he can be ruled out of competition. I mean only that he should be given the benefit of a count, and then not allowed to continue, if in a bad way when he regains his feet. The instant Cotero was floored the second time, the referee immediately waved him out of competition, and an instant later the gong ended the bout. Cotero was declared knocked out, whereas, he would have lost only by decision, as the referee would not have had time to count even two over the floored boxer.

Making his first start in over two years, Rudy Garcia, like Gil Cadilli, seems to have benefited from soldier life. Garcia, who recently ended a two-year hitch in the Army, never looked better than he did in defeating Reuben Smith, in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Garcia took over early command in this setto, having Smith hurt in the second round from solid left hooks, the punches with which Rudy rocked Reuben to his heels several times in later rounds. The bout was hard fought and exciting in spite of considerable clinching. Garcia was credited with seven of the heats, Smith two, with one even. Each weighed 129.

In the six-round semi, Rudy Jordan, 137, surprised in winning over Manuel Renteria, 135. Both are dandy prospects, but Renteria was favored.

In three prelims, Kildo Martinez, 120, and Tony Grasso, 121, fought six fast heats to a draw; Frankie Campos, 115, KO'd Alonzo Aviles, 116, in two; Andy Escobar, 135, stopped Bob Mattison, 140, in two, Mattison not being able to come out for the second, due to a cut lip.

Old Man Experience, in the form of Carlos Chavez of Los Angeles, proved too much for Youth, as portrayed by Johnny Butterworth of England, in their ten-round clash at the Eureka Auditorium. Chavez is not known as a boxing instructor, but he looked little short of one against the rushing, swinging Britisher. Carlos moved about the ring a la Gonsalves, catching most of Butterworth's blows on the gloves and forearms. It was a dandy tilt, for, although Chavez was credited with eight of the rounds, Johnny never stopped trying and his two-fisted attack kept the spectators happy. Chavez weighed 135, Butterworth, 134.

Other results: Dale Sanderson won by TKO over Harry (Al) Jenkins, in the third, due to an eye cut; Al Gariby iced Curtis Stacoma in the first round; Ralph Gomez disposed of Earl Stockton in two; Doyle Hall KO'd Gordon Annis in three.

All three officials voted Harry (Snuffy) Smith, 138, Rochester, the decision over Freddie Herman, 140, at the end of their dull ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, but very few of the other spectators agreed with them. Cal Whorton of the *L. A. Times* probably solved the why of it, writing "The officials must have slept during most of the dull affair, to awaken in the eighth and see Smith rally to win two rounds." Herman decked Smith in the opening round and had him hurt in the third, but Snuffy's awkward style got under Freddie's skin and he floundered around almost as much as Smith did.

In the six-round semi: Jorge Manjarrez, 123, Mexico City, was outwrestled by Pete Aguirre, 127, but not outpunched, and won handily.

In the prelims: Don Grant, 168, decisioned John Harding, 171, in a four; Young Jack Johnson, 217, stopped Fred Taylor, 198, in the third; Johnny Perez, 138, and Johnny Vega, 142, drew in four; Tony Maiorana, 125, disposed of Danny Lopez, 125, in first round.

That "revenge is sweet" thing came to Santiago Esteban, 137, of Walsenburg, Colo., who punched out a win over Doug Kirby, 136, San Francisco, in a ten-rounder at the Sacramento Auditorium. Kirby had eked out a decision over Esteban in the same ring a few weeks before, but, this reversal wasn't close, Esteban winning by from 4 to six points. Santiago fed Kirby stiff jabs throughout, had Doug hurt in the second with a right to the jaw, and almost finished the 'Frisco fighter in the sixth.

Kirby dug in some solid blows to the body in the early rounds, but the Colorado clouter's rights to the head took all the steam out of the Irishman's punches. Kirby rallied in the final round, but a KO was his only hope and he won the round by only a shade.

In other bouts: Frank Skidmore, 148, KO'd Danny Pafundi, 159, in the third; Charley Copp, 131, stopped Henry Lujon, 127, in three; Bobby Saunders, 141, decisioned John Salazar, 147, in four; Stan Seguiera, 126, and Lucio Savala, 123, drew in four. The gate grossed $4,972.

The last of the old-time heavyweights has passed on. Tom Sharkey has joined the other fistic greats of his era, those immortals of the ring, Jeffries, Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jackson, Choynski, McCoy, Ruhlin, Ryan, Johnson, et al. Sharkey, 79, died in his sleep at the San Francisco City Hospital, where he had been confined most of the time during his year of illness. The old warrior had little money in recent years, as he was a proud man, one who would never ask for help, or accept a benefit. Even when ill and aged, he earned his way by working as hotel doorman, or guard at the race tracks and waterfront.

The many deaths of men of the boxing game during the past year is appalling. In California alone, no less than a dozen men, formerly associated with boxing have passed away already this year. The most recent was the death of Hugie Hutson of Los Angeles, one of the best trainers and coaches on this coast. Trustworthy, soft-spoken and gentlemanly, Hutson was one of the best liked men in L.A. boxing circles. He devoted much of his time to the welfare of boys, and his worth was proven by the large number of kids who worshipped him. In his passing, boxing lost one of its most valuable members, and the writer lost a friend.

Proving too tough a customer for the young barber, Chico Rosa punched out a win over Juan Luis Campos in a fast-action ten rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Campos now knows what older barbers have always known, that those guys who keep bobbing their heads and won't stay still, are hard to trim. Rosa's weaving and bobbing had Campos missing like a drunk at bat, and as Juan's gloves fanned the air, Chico moved in fast with left hooks that forced the L.A. youth to give ground.

Although Campos was credited with only two rounds, the belting barber never stopped trying and he clipped the Hawaiian veteran several times, but, Rosa, in fine condition, always came back with a counter-attack. They slugged it out in the eighth and at the end of the round Campos was bleeding worse than any of his Spring Street customers. Rosa weighed 127, Campos 129.

In other bouts: Govan Small, 154, Oakland, stopped Kid Leon, 155, Salt Lake City (4); Don Ernsten, 135, Salt Lake City, shelved Manuel Flores, 134, Anaheim (2); Frankie Campos, young brother of Juan, and also a barber, defeated George Jacquet (4). They weighed only 115. (Yeah, Frankie is only a little shaver.) Cliff Barnett, 159, beat Willie Robinson, 164 (4).

The Stockton promoter, hard pressed for talent these days, featured Tommy Manois, Denver lightweight, and Len Gaines of Oakland, in a ten rounder at the Civic Auditorium. Referee Pete Morelli had Ganies two points ahead at end of eighth. Manois decked the Oaklander in the ninth, to cop the heat by three points. Gaines spurted in the final round to win it by a point. That adds up even, and that's what the ref declared it.

Other results: Woody Winslow, 154, Merced, decisioned Govan Small, 157, Oakland, in six; Bolo Montez, 138, San Jose, KO'd Joey Salazar, 142, Vallejo, in the fifth; Billy Lanza, 169, Sacramento, scored his third consecutive KO in stopping Wayne Rainey, 167, Modesto, in the fourth.

The California bantamweight crown is now being worn by Billy Peacock, but the headpiece doesn't become the wearer, due to it being put on at an angle by Referee Mushy Callahan. Peacock won the crown from Oscar Torres via cut-eye route in a bout at the Los Angeles Olympic. Torres' handlers, many of the ringsiders and scribes claimed the cut was caused by a butt, to which many of the spectators must have agreed, judging by the long and loud booing which greeted the referee's verdict, which was that the injury was inflicted by a right-hand punch.

The cut occurred in the late seconds of the first round and had the doctor been called in to examine it, the bout would have been halted at that time, the wound was that serious. And in that case the contest would have ended in a draw, the commission having such a rule on first round endings. But the referee did not page the doc until the end of the second heat, after the wound had been made worse by Peacock's punches. It was an exciting two rounds. Torres tore in like mad to win the first heat, with Peacock copping the second by backing away from Oscar's leads, to score with counter-punches. Peacock weighed 116, Torres, 118.

In the six-round semi: Baby Ike, 148, was impressive in whipping Ray Acosta, 147, in a dandy scrap. Ike decked Acosta twice in the second and again in the final round, to win by a wide margin.

In the four-rounders: The up-and-coming Don Grant, 168, decisioned Jimmy Ingram, 175, Cleveland; Art Hardy, 167, bested Henry Taylor, 173; Johnny Vega, 140, won over Gene Morris, 134; Satchel Porter, 151, disposed of Augie Bustos, 152, in the first round.

In reference to the controversal verdict rendered in the Peacock-Torres bout; Mushy Callahan is one of our best, if not the best, referees in California, but, he could be and has been wrong on occasions. And too, even the vast majority of the spectators who didn't agree with the referee, of which this writer was one, could also be wrong. However, I questioned several fight men and none of them could say that they saw a right-hand punch delivered at the time the cut was inflicted. But several of them did see Torres step back from close quarters and shake his head, and blood was seen running down the left side of his face. And that is often the reaction of a boxer who has been butted, but seldom the reaction of one who has been cut by a punch. Also, the referee appeared a bit confused at the end of the first round—with handlers and ringsiders protesting—in which case he should have consulted with the judges, getting their version of it, before rendering his decision.

It isn't that I think Torres the better man. I predicted that Peacock would win and pick him again in the rematch, which must be made to satisfy thousands of television viewers, who thought that an injustice was done.

The Chief had war paint in his veins, even if not on his face, the night he climbed in the ring against Harry (Snuffy) Smith, 139, Rochester, N. Y., at the Eureka Auditorium. (For you readers who may not be up on our Indians, in California "the Chief" means either Archie Whitewater, or the Santa Fe's crack train to Chicago.) Whitewater snuffed out Snuffy in the ninth round. The go was even for three heats, then the Chief, who was in the best condition in months, took over.

Whitewater almost finished Smith in the fifth, having him down for a nine count and rubber-legged at the bell. They were mixing it at close quarters in the ninth when Smith backed away and Archie brought up an uppercut to the point of Snuffy's chin. Ten seconds later Referee Frankie Miller said "Out."

Other results: Dale Sanderson, 152, KO'd Johnny Salazar, 143 (1); Bob Sanders, 138, bested Bill Elliott, 138 (4); Al Gariby, 132, and Morris Laviege, 137, technical draw (1); Roscoe Gaines, 200, chilled Larry Thorne, 195 (2).

Esau Ferdinand, 157, San Francisco, successfully defended his state middleweight title in winning over Art Soto, 153, Oakland, in a twelve rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. The clever Oaklander outpointed Esau in some of the rounds, but he operated too much in reverse to hope to win. The bout was not an exciting one, for, although Ferdinand was aggressive, he found it difficult to tag his elusive foe. However, there were rounds when Esau did catch up with Soto, to rough him up a bit, but there never were any real fireworks.

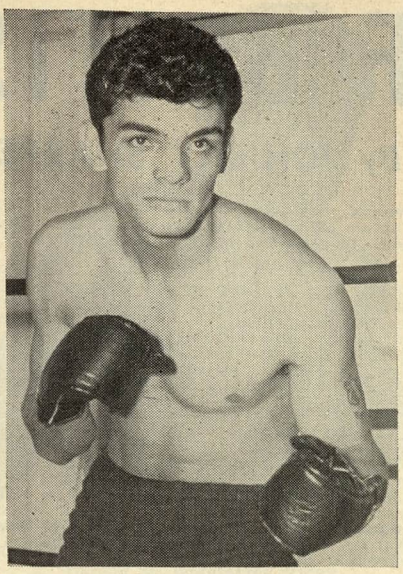
Two very promising youngsters, Vince Delgado, 124, Los Angeles, and Chico Villa, 122, Decota, met in the semi, with Delgado copping the six-round decision.

In the prelims: Augie Villa, 127, and Vic Ponce, 126, waged a thriller that rates consideration for "fight of the year" honors, with Villa winning the duke by decking Ponce as the bell ended the fourth and final round. Babe Vance, 138, stopped Carmen Venuti, 136, in two; Cliff Brooks, 142, nodded Al Barbero, 143, in a four.

The abrupt ending of a contest between Bobby Why and Johnny Butterworth, at the Sacramento Auditorium, left the spectators in the same frame of mind as the three-year-old who had his lollypop snatched from him. The scrap was that good. It was halted at the end of the third round and awarded to Why when the doctor ruled Butterworth out of competition, due to an eye cut received in the late seconds of the round. It had been close, as well as torrid, Why being tabbed but one point ahead at the time. Bobby had stabbed the stocky Britisher repeatedly with a stiff left, but Johnny never stopped tearing in and tossing that hard right, which shook the Los Angeles mechanic to his heels several times. Why weighed 132, Butterworth, 133. The gate grossed $5,338.

Other results: Charley Copp decisioned Carroll Genshaw in six; Henry Lujan nodded Al Gariby in a four; Bill Lanza KO'd Gene Campbell in three; Danny Figuera won by TKO over Ralph Gomez in the third, when the latter suffered an eye cut.

Elmer Beltz, popular Jewish boxer of Los Angeles, emerged winner over Emil Barao of Oakland, at the end of ten thrilling rounds in the Hollywood Stadium ring, but most of the praise for this dandy scrap must go to Barao. The Oaklander had not fought in over six months and he was outweighed by nine pounds, yet, Beltz's victory was not assured until Emil had run out of gas in the final rounds. Both of these belters were put on their bottoms, Beltz being bombed in the second, Barao being beaned in the fourth. Both battlers were badly bruised at the end of the brawl. (Talk of being in a rut, another paragraph on this fight and I'd have B's in my bonnet.) Beltz weighed 144, Barao, 135.



RAMON TISCARENO

IT was in December of last year that Cal Working of the Hollywood Stadium put out a call for a lightweight to meet Joey Gurrola, when Manuel Madrid was unable to go through with the re-match. They had fought a torrid draw a few months before. Gurrola was an awkwardly-clever, hard-punching southpaw and local lightweights avoided him. Working was about to give up, when reminded of a youngster from Juarez, a kid named Tiscareno, who was impressive in a preliminary bout at the Stadium shortly before that. His manager had sought a main event, so, Working put the youngster in. But, Cal didn't sleep well that night, for Tiscareno was such a young, nice looking boy and Gurrola was a punisher.

Well, Tiscareno not only stood up under Gurrola's punches and looked good against his unorthodox opponent, but he KO'd the tough southpaw. Ramon won the hearts of Movie City fans that night, for, he possesses ring personality. A stand-up boxer of handsome features and trim, slender physique, his fine left jab and execution of a right cross is reminiscent of great boxers of the past.

Only 19 years of age, his future is bright, for, he has already defeated such formidable boxers as Gurrola, Archie Whitewater, Jose Galicia, Baby Face Mathis, Ramon Perez and Jorge Macias.

And Ramon is apparently sold on getting an early start, as he barged on a professional boxing career at the age of 16, and at 19 he is married and the father of two children. Of Mexican parentage, Tiscareno was born in Juarez, October 17, 1933. He is under the management of Manuel Dros and Dr. Al Stolper of Los Angeles.

In the six-round semi, Johnny Duke, 162, making a comeback, beat Billy McNeese, 161, New York.

In the prelims: Zeke Robinson, 170, Richmond, stopped Paul Kaylor, 169, Sacramento, in the fifth; Cliff Barnett, 160, whipped Ernie Pratt, 157, in a four; Henry Johnson, 140, disposed of Johnny Perez, 141, in three.

Professional boxing has been revived at the South Gate Arena. Only amateur boxing has been staged in this bustling little city in recent years. The programs are to be televised, with the $1,300 TV money being paid to the boxers. The promoter has the blessing of the So. Calif. Manager's Assn., but not the local unit of the International Manager's Guild, which organization controls most of the local boxers, which will make it tough on the matchmaker. However, the promoter may make a go of it, as he has several boxers under the club "colors," in fact, promoter, matchmaker and a few managers are so closely associated that they will need to be careful not to be doing one another's chores.

The first card at South Gate featured the comer, Cisco Andrade, 136, Compton, and Johnny Hart, 132, Phoenix, billed as the Arizona lightweight champion. (Baby Face Mathis, please note). After having a bit the best of it in the opening round, Andrade floored Hart with a right in the second. Johnny made it to his feet at count of nine, but was soon put down again for the full count. This was Andrade's thirteenth consecutive win.

Other results: Cliff Barnett, 164, decisioned Richie Lopez, 164 (6); John Harding, 170, KO'd Art Hardy, 171 (5); Don Jordan, 141, nodded Ray Serna, 141 (4); Stan Bryant, 165, bested Bob McLane, 159 (4).

When little Jorge Manjarrez informed his handlers that he "was dizzy", they wisely conceded victory to Al Cruz, who had administered a severe lacing to their charge in the previous round. This decision was reached after eight rounds of a contest at the Los Angeles Olympic. The only thing wrong with it was that it should have been reached before the bout was made, as the Mexico City boy was overmatched. Cruz was too big, as well as too classy, for, Manjarrez is really a bantam coming in too heavy for his own good.

Cruz floored Jorge for an eight count in the first round, but the colorful little visitor fought back gamely until he tired badly in the seventh and had all the steam and some of the blood punched out of him in the eighth.

In supporting bouts: Sammy Saunders, 164, Chicago, beat Kid Guadalajara, 161, Mexico, in the six-round semi; Gilberto Muniz, 132, nodded Roy Boyd, 135, in four; Fred Taylor, 196, stopped Chuck Daley, 213, in the second; Ralph Duran, 146, outclassed Manny Elam, 145, in a four; Don Cloud, 141, decisioned Bob Mattison, 139.

The writer now really knows what they mean when reference is made of former boxers "cutting out paper dolls." And I must have received worse pastings than I realized, for, I am good at this cutting-out pastime. In one month I have cut up boxing magazines from 1921 to 1933, and it is my intention to continue such cutting up to and including the year of 1945. So, there will be many more hundreds of cut-out pictures and articles on boxing for those who request them, provided a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed with such request. I hope, however, that people whom I have not already favored in this matter will be the ones to write for these clippings, rather than those whom I have already sent either pictures or clippings to.

And I repeat, kindly do not ask for more than two or three clippings, as I receive several requests for cut-outs of each boxer. And you must specify certain clippings, rather than suggest that some of any kind be sent. And if desiring newspaper results of fights, be advised that the only newspaper clippings I will have are of this year and mostly of fights staged in California. This is a chore! I spend from two to four hours daily at this clipping and will be another month at it. But, I enjoy it, for the letters of appreciation that I have received from those so favored, make me feel as though I may have clipped my way into Heaven.

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NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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But, as usual, the fans loved it, and Alex Turk maintained his wrestling supremacy in Winnipeg, despite attempts of Promoter Steve Kozak to break in on the wrestling game here. The "Aud" was again packed, mostly with cash customers.

In the opener, Len Hughes, 242, Halifax, another villain, wrestled to a draw with Eduardo Perez, 225, of Argentina. It was a rough match—the best opener ever seen on a Turk wrestling card. The fans were all with the Argentinian, who will likely appear here again.

An amazing thing happened in the special event. There were clean breaks and clean wrestling. The old timers loved it; the youngsters complained, because there was no blood and thunder. It was between ever popular Farmer Marlin, 226, Niles, Mich., and Jack Claybourne, 235, Chicago, making his second appearance here. Marlin, the veteran, took the fall in 15:30. Claybourne got his share of applause.

The semi-windup saw Jack Pesek, 226, Lincoln, Neb., who never loses matches in Winnipeg, take the measure of Alo Leilani, 230, Honolulu, a new comer to this neck of the woods, in 15:21. There was a little crowd-grumbling about the refereeing of Harold Nelson, local boy, when Alo attempted to get tough. But Pesek, never quit, and finally pinned his man.

NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LIVERPOOL.—Dennis Powell (Wales), 172½, won the vacant cruiserweight championship of Great Britain, when he defeated George Walker (Ilford), 171½, in the eleventh round, in what can best be described as the best donnybrook affair seen for many a day. . . . To say that the crowd did enjoy the battle of battles, would be putting it mildly, for both finished in a state of collapse after their gruelling battle. . . . Alby Tissong (South Africa), 129, outpointed Bola Lawal (Nigeria), 130, over eight rounds. . . . Ivor Devonport (Ellesmere Port), 157¾, defeated Rocco King (Askern) in the first round, when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye. . . . Joe Bygraves (Birkenhead), 188, outpointed Les Johnson (Jamaica), 186, over six rounds. . . . Peter King (Manchester), 147, outpointed Tim McLeary (Wrexham), 145, over six rounds.

The best news in the boxing game today was the announcement by The Stewards of The British Boxing Board of Control that from April 1, 1953, all boxers taking part in tournaments in Great Britain, would be insured against loss of life, eyes or limbs. . . . Covering—All professional boxers, whilst Boxing in any Tournament licensed by the B.B.B.C. against death or loss of limb or eyes resulting from accidental bodily injury and occuring within ninety days of the accident. £500 at death or loss of two or more limbs or eyes. . . . £250 at loss of one limb or eye. The premiums are to be paid by the B.B.B.C.

YARMOUTH.—Bert Sanders (Kilburn) outpointed Bob Cleaver (Attleborough) in an eight-round middleweight contest. . . . Tommy Purcell (Newmarket) outpointed Ron Hughes (Romford) over six rounds of a bantamweight bout. . . . George Adams (Beccles) knocked out Dave Davis (Kilburn) in the fifth of a welterweight contest. . . . Kenny Taylor (Norwich) stopped Johnny Hunt (Northampton) in the fifth round of a welterweight contest.

DERBY.—Jimmy Cross (Horwich) gained a points win over Dick Ashcroft (Manchester) after eight rounds of a lightweight contest. . . . Billy Cobb (Chesterfield) outpointed Peter Cardiff (Horwich) in a six-round lightweight bout. . . . Frank Walshaw (Barnsley) knocked out Alf Price (Worcester) in the fifth round of a cruiserweight contest. . . . Jack Lewis (Manchester) stopped Ray Johns (Long Eaton) in the fifth of a welterweight contest.

EPSOM.—Brian Anders (Brighton) outpointed Vic Phayer (Greenwich) over eight rounds of a cruiserweight contest. . . . Clem A'Court (Morden), the classy ex-amateur, outpointed Fred Angel (Hendon) over six rounds of a bantamweight contest. . . . Billy Coulter (Woolwich) stopped Joe White (Croydon) in the first of a welterweight bout.

WALWORTH.—Laurie McShane (Glasgow) turned in a good win at the expense of Stan Skinkiss (Manchester) in a eight-round featherweight bout. . . . Roy Holt (Ilford) outpointed Bob Baker (Rhodesia) in a spirited six-round welterweight contest. . . . Eric Thompson (Jamaica) knocked out Bill Norris (Brighton) in the fifth round of a heavyweight contest.

DUNDEE.—Jimmy Croll (Dundee) and Jack Armstrong (West Africa) fought a thrilling eight-round welterweight battle to a draw. . . . Ogli Tetty (West Africa) outpointed Paddy Hardy (Dublin) in an eight-round flyweight bout. . . . Danny Harvey (Glasgow) gained a decision over Harry Warner (Dagenham) in an eight-round welterweight bout.

WATFORD.—Leo Maloney (Hillingdon) won on points from Ron Ball (Harrow) after six rounds of a welterweight bout. . . . Allan Buxton (Watford) defeated Selwyn Evans (Welwyn Garden City) in the sixth round of a lightweight bout. . . . Gerry Peters (Belfast) was a game loser in his bout with Denny Taylor (High Wycombe) over eight rounds in a middleweight contest. . . . Paddy O'Brien (Belfast) stopped Alec Gurton (Blackmore) in the fifth round of a middleweight bout.

PRESTON.—Bruce Crawford (Thornaby) had an easy task in outpointing Raj Folami (West Africa) in their eight-round middleweight bout. . . . Paul King (Torquay) gained a points win over Peter Smith (Huddersfield) after eight interesting rounds of a welterweight contest. . . . Cliff Purnell (Weston-super-Mare) stopped Bill Robinson (Fleetwood) in the third round of a heavyweight bout.

BELFAST.—Hugh Ferns (Glasgow), 209, had little difficulty in winning over Bob Watson (Belfast), 178¼, for the latter was well beaten in the fifth round when the referee intervened in favor of Ferns. . . . Gerry O'Neill (Belfast), 138½, knocked out Fred Heatley (Belfast), 139, in the sixth and last round.

WALWORTH.—Kit Pompey (British Guiana), 151, made short work of Jack Baker (Leicester), 162½, flooring the latter four times before the referee called a halt. . . . Johnny Lewis (Blackfriars), 150, knocked out Ken Tisor (Luton), 145, in the second round. . . . Mick Cowan (Sutton), 188, made a winning debut by outpointing Sammy Clarke (Brixton), 193½, over six rounds. . . . Leo Maloney (Hillingdon), 149½, stopped Arthur Garrett (Malta), 146, in the fifth. . . . Derek Cook (Chelsea), 147½, outscored Ken Scammell (Walworth), 146, over six, while Sid Harrington (Dulwich), 168, outpointed Jackie Hughes (Belfast), 168, also over six.

BELFAST.—Garnett Denny (Belfast), 183, stopped Bob Cuttie (Farnborough), 175½, in the second round. . . . Paddy Dowdall (Dublin), 140½, outscored Johnny Delmore (Leeds), 138½, over eight. . . . Eric Metcalfe (Northwich), 166½, stopped Bob Gillespie (Belfast), 165½, in the fifth.

LIVERPOOL.—Roy Baird (Birmingham), 144, drew with Leslie McKenzie (South Africa), 146, over ten rounds. . . . Ken Wyatt (Minehead), 185, was well outpointed by Joe Bygraves (Birkenhead), 188, over six rounds. . . . Eric Ludlam (Sheffield), 163, outpointed Derek Molloy (Rhyl), 158, over six.

HOXTON BATHS.—Jimmy Davis (Bethnal Green), 185, outpointed Billy Dean (Greenwich), 173, over eight rounds. . . . Bernie Newcombe (Dagenham) outpointed Al Danahar (Southern Area welterweight champion) in an eight-round welterweight contest. . . . Mickey O'Sullivan (Finsbury Park), 119½, outpointed Harry Alley (Paddington), 121, over eight rounds. . . . Billy Coulter (Woolwich), 151½, outpointed Frank Cassidy (Tottenham), 145½, over six. . . . Terry Murphy (Hoxton), 136½, outpointed Jack Kofi (Gold Coast), 140, over six rounds. . . . Tommy McCormack (Ayr), 125, outscored Danny Lambert (Stoke Newington), 128, over six.

BELLE VUE, MANCHESTER.—Jake Tuli (British Empire flyweight champion), 113, stopped Eric Marsden (St. Helens), 113, in the sixth of a scheduled ten rounder, when Marsden suffered a badly gashed eyebrow. . . . Johnny Sullivan (Preston), 159¾, made a welcome reappearance in British rings after a successful foray in the United States and stopped Duggie Miller (South Africa), 162½, in the ninth, the referee halting the bout when Miller had suffered a damaged eyebrow. . . . Wally Thom (Birkenhead), 148½, outpointed Billy Wells (Gold Coast), 146¾, over eight rounds. . . . George Dilks (South Elmshall), 160¾, outpointed George Roe (Wolverhampton), 159¾, over eight. . . . Manny Francis (Gold Coast), 120, outpointed Robert Meunier (France), 118, over eight rounds, while Jimmy Brown (Salford), 128, outpointed Freddie Bancroft (Cockermouth) over six rounds.

LEICESTER.—Johnny Williams (Rugby), 191½, gave a brilliant exhibition of self-defense when he outclassed Ansell (Baba) Adams, (Trinidad), 204, in a ten-round contest. The British champion, after an unsteady first round, dominated the contest for the rest of the contest. . . . Ron Pudney (Croydon), 166, boxed cleverly to gain the points decision over Bruce Crawford (Thornaby), 163½, at the end of the eight rounds. . . . Les Allen (Bedworth), 160¾, stopped Rocco King (Doncaster), 157¾, in the seventh round when the referee intervened in favor of Allen. . . . Don Scott (Derby), 175¼, gained a clear points win over Wally Curtis (Swindon), 178¾, over eight rounds. . . . Frank Parkes (Nottingham), 137, and Stan Parkes (Birmingham), 137, battled eight rounds before the former was declared a points winner. . . . Rodney Gardner (Market Harborough), 189, and Frank Walshaw (Barnsley), 174, fought six rounds to a draw. . . . Bob Gardner, another of Gardner Clan, 200, was defeated on points after six rounds, by Jack Darlington (Matlock), 196. . . . Irvine Newton (Thorne), 129½, a useful southpaw, well outpointed Brian Goodwin (Manchester), 133½, over eight rounds.

BELFAST.—Mickey O'Neill (Belfast), 145¾, was declared the winner over Terry Ratcliff (Bristol), 146¾, in the second round when the latter received a badly cut eye. . . . John Kelly (Belfast), 119½, a classy southpaw, stopped Tommy Proffitt (Manchester), 120¼, in the fifth round. . . . Billy Kelly (Derry), 128, gave a splendid display, when he defeated Tommy Miller (West Lothian), 124, over eight rounds. . . . Tom Meli (Belfast), 162½, and Wally Beckett (Carshalton), 163, mauled each other for eight rounds and at the end a draw was declared. . . . George O'Neill (Belfast), 119¾, outpointed Jackie Briers (Belfast), 121¼, over eight rounds.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(Month Ending May 15, 1953)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Johnny Williams (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Gerald Dreyer (SA)
2. Ansel Adams (T)	Yolande Pompee (T)	Gordon Hazell (E)	Cliff Curvis (W)
3. Earl Walls (C)	Dennis Powell (W)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Hector Constance (T)
4. Don Cockell (E)	George Walker (E)	Duggie Miller (SA)	Peter Fallon (E)
5. Johnny Arthur (SA)	Albert Finch (E)	Al Bourke (A)	Wally Thom (E)
6. Reg Andrews (E)	Alex Buxton (E)	Joe Maseko (SA)	George Kapeen (A)
7. Frank Bell (E)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Joe Munro (SA)	Eddie Thomas (SA)
8. Lloyd Barnett (J)	Don Scott (E)	Wally Beckett (E)	Leslie McKenzie (SA)
9. Mark Hart (E)	Isimeli Radrodro (F)	Alfie Sands (A)	Israel Boyle (N)
10. Fred Powell (E)	Jimmy Davis (E)	Bruce Crawford (E)	Terry Ratcliffe (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Frank Johnson (E)	Roy Ankarah (WA)	Jimmy Carruthers (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
2. Armand Savoie (C)	Sammy McCarthy (E)	Peter Keenan (S)	Terry Allen (E)
3. Ivor Germain (B)	Ronnie Clayton (E)	John Kelly (I)	Eric Marsden (E)
4. Frank Flannery (A)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Vic Herman (E)
5. George Dunn (C)	Freddie King (E)	Stan Rowan (E)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
6. Tommy McGovern (E)	Charlie Tucker (E)	Fernando Gagnon (C)	Joe Cairney (S)
7. Joe Lucy (E)	Sammy Bonnici (M)	Eddie Carson (S)	Taffy Hancock (A)
8. Gordon Goodman (E)	Elley Bennett (A)	Tommy Icke (E)	Oglie Tettey (GC)
9. George Barnes (A)	Roy Coleman (A)	Manny (Kid) Francis (WA)	Johnny Black (E)
10. Cliff Anderson (BG)	Benny (Kid) Chocolate (GC)	Neville Tetlow (E)	Henry Carpenter (E)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa.

. . . Al Sharpe (Belfast), 135¼, outpointed Des Lennon (Banbridge), 138, over eight rounds.

ST. AUSTELL.—Gordon Goodman (Christchurch), 140½, clearly outpointed Ted Ansell (Jamaica), 140, over eight rounds. . . . Stephen Coombe (St. Austell), 167, knocked out Ray Davies (Bath), 172, in the fourth round. . . . Bobby Johnson (Plymouth), 146, gained a narrow points win over Harry Legge (Bournemouth), 139, after eight rounds.

WEMBLEY.—Dinkey White (Islington), 161, scored a good win when he knocked out Dudley Cox (Bournemouth), 158¾, in the sixth round. . . . Alf Lay (Chelsea), 153¾, stopped Denney Taylor (High Wycombe), 153, in the fourth round. . . . Pat Berry (Bethnal Green), 147, stopped Ron Ball (Harrow), 144¾, in the fifth round.

WALSALL.—Michael Stack (Leamington), 157½, was held to a draw by Raj Folami (Gold Coast), 158, over eight rounds. . . . Phillip Edwards (Cardiff), 144½, outpointed Denny Bonser (Wolverhampton), 146½, in a six round contest. . . . Colin Barber (Sutton-in-Ashfield), 116½, clearly outpointed Sid Hiom (Nottingham) in a hard-fought six-round bout.

LEYTON.—Lew Lazar, the popular Aldgate welterweight, 149½, gained an easy points victory over the Dutch champion, Nico Schoenmaker, 149, over eight rounds. . . . Johnny Barnham (Fulham), 118, cleverly outpointed Jimmy Cardew (Holloway), 119¾, in a hard-fought eight-round bout. . . . Hyman Kern (Bethnal Green), 138¾, pulled one out of the bag in the fourth round, to KO Wally Webb (Dagenham), 133½. . . . Roy Holt (Hackney), 147, knocked out Frank Sellers (Peckham), 147¾, in the fourth round. . . . Eddie McCormick (Deal), 126, was too experienced for Roy Paine (Notting Hill), 129, and was a good points winner at the end of eight rounds.

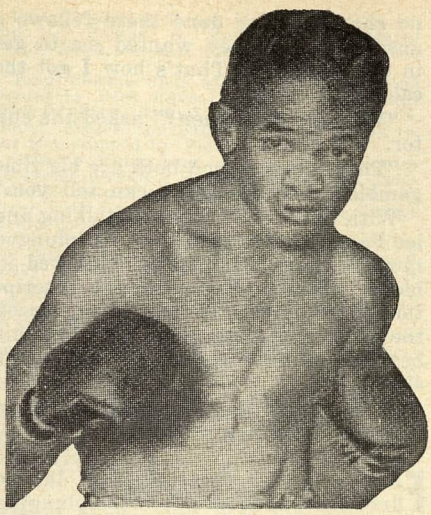
LOWESTOFT.—Kenny Taylor (Norwich), 139½, gained an impressive points win at the expense of Ernie Fossey (Islington), 140, in an eight-round bout. . . . Ken Mullins (Jamaica), 160, defeated Len Jarvis (Norwich), 159, in the fourth round when the referee intervened after Jarvis had sustained a badly cut eye. . . .Goerge Adams (Beccles), 153, knocked out Fred Jackson (Haddenham), 154, in the third round. . . . Arthur Hatt (Dagenham), 122, outpointed Cliff Giles (Linton), 119½, over six rounds. . . . Tommy Purcell (Newmarket), 118, scored a good points win over George Connors (Islington), 118½, after six rounds.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Paddy Slavin (Belfast), 196, stopped the Scottish southpaw, George Stern, 204, in the eighth round. . . . Peter Smith (Huddersfield), 145¾, gained a narrow points win over Paul King (Torquay), 148¼, after eight rounds.

HANLEY.—Gerry Hassett (Belfast), 137¼, gained a surprise win over the highly-touted Al Browne (British Guiana), 137, in the eight-round star bout. . . . Bernard Fairbanks (Hanley), 128½, knocked out Tommy Cochrane (Belfast), 130½, in the second round.

LIVERPOOL.—Allan Tanner (British Guiana), 136½, was in great form when he met Johnny Mahlangu (South Africa), 139½, in a ten-round contest. His clever boxing was a treat to watch and at the end was a clear points winner. . . . Pat McCarthy (Birkenhead), 129, gained a narrow points win over Tommy Higgins (Hanley), 131, after eight rounds.

WALWORTH.—A welterweight bout that did credit to both men was that between Terry Ratcliff (Bristol), 148¾, and Lew Lazar (Aldgate), 147¼, who battled eight rounds in ding-dong fashion before referee Jack Hart decided that Ratcliff had won by a shade of the nose. . . . This was the first defeat of Lazar, but he proved that he has the makings of a future champion. . . . Jack Hobbs, the Shepherds Bush heavyweight, 206¾, whose short professional career was cut off when he was injured in a motoring accident, returned to the ring after two years to do battle with Hugh Ferns (Greenock), 208. This contest was a big disappointment for all, for after about two minutes of scrambling in clinches, Hobbs, who was too impetuous came out with a cut eye. The referee, after examining the optic, led Hobbs back to his corner and declared Ferns the winner. . . . A most unsatisfactory ending. . . . Freddie King (Walworth), 128½, faced Lou Jacobs (Belgium), 126, for ten rounds and all that could be said of this bout is that King, although the winner, will have to show very much improved form if he expects to deprive Ronnie Clayton of his feather-weight title. . . . Jackie Turpin (Leamington), 127¾, outpointed Freddie Hicks (Bermondsey), 130¾, over eight rounds. . . . Roy Holt (Ilford), 146, stopped Vic Auguste (Trinidad), 149¼, in the third round. . . . Arthur Sullivan (Walworth), 137½, stopped Ted Devonshire (Edmonton), 139½, in the third.



Jake Tuli, British Empire flyweight champion, stopped Eric Marsden in the sixth round, continuing his undefeated streak.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL.—Jacques Prigent (France), 135½, lightweight champion of France, scored a well-deserved points win over Tommy McGovern (Bermondsey), 138, but certainly knew that he had been in a scrap before the referee raised his hand at the end of the ten rounds. McGovern fought one of his best contests ever but just wasn't strong enough to outpunch the tough Frenchman who seemed to improve as the bout went on. The crowd's cheers went to the two gallant battlers at the end. . . . Bobby Dawsan (USA), 157½, stopped Jimmy Davis (Bethnal Green), 167½, in the sixth of a scheduled ten rounder, after punishing the latter heavily during the bout. . . . Charlie Tucker (Camberwell), 127¾, won over Johnny Molloy (St. Helens), 127½, when the latter was disqualified in the sixth for alleged butting. . . . Peter Longo (Covent Garden), 158¾, outpointed Dinky White (Islington), 161¾, after eight dull rounds. . . . Joe Crickmar (Stepney), 187, outpointed Mick Cowan (Sutton), 187½, over six. . . . Peter Waterman (Clapham), 139, seemed lucky to get the nod over Laurie Davies (Nigeria), 138½, over six. . . . Ritchie Jenkins (Newport), 118¾, stopped Arthur Hatt (Dagenham), 118¾, in the third.

BELFAST.—Garnett Denny (Belfast), 181¾, outpointed Eric Thompson (Jamaica), 177, over eight rounds. . . . Jackie Mitchell (Belfast), 154½, outpointed Tom Hood (East Molesey), 157¾, over eight. . . . Mike Feeney (Banbridge), 123½, outpointed John Kenny (Glasgow), 123, over eight rounds.

PRESTON.—Johnny Sullivan (Preston), 160¾, made a welcome reappearance in his home town and stopped Michael Stack (Leamington), 158½, in the third session. . . . Joe Baillie (Glasgow), 162½, was forced to retire in the seventh of an eight rounder by Jack Baker (Leicester), 162½. . . . Peter Goldie (Todmorden), 150, stopped Freddie Cooke (Crewe), 149, in the fifth. . . . George Gill (Southport), 133, knocked out Joey Farricker (Manchester), 136, in the first.

RHYL.—Bobby Boland (Dundee), 128, outpointed Hugh Mackie (British Guiana), 128, over eight rounds. . . . Colin Harrison (Rotherham), 139, outpointed Emrys Jones (Oswestry), 139, over eight. . . . Tommy Barnabas (Holywell), 148½, outpointed Ron Kilshaw (Blackpool), 144¼, over eight. . . . Eric Lord (Blackpool), 110, outscored Ray Jones (Cockermouth), 116, over six rounds. . . . Art Belec (Cockermouth), 128, stopped Tommy Tudor (Wrexha), 129, in the third. . . . Derek Molloy (Rhudllan), 163½, knocked out Glyn Hughes (Dyserth), 163½, in the third.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Rickie McCulloch (Belfast), 138½, won a narrow points decision over Bertie Conn (South Africa), 138, over eight rounds. . . . Norman Wormall (Birmingham), 138, outpointed Johnny Hudson (Covent Garden), 136, over eight rounds. . . . Tommy Purcell (Newmarket), 118¼, outpointed Albert Sanderson (Northampton), 122, over six rounds. . . . George Adams (Beccles), 152½, outpointed Tony Curzon (Nottingham), 161, over six rounds. . . . Ron Hughes (Romford), 115½, stopped Jerry McKenzie (Derby), 116½, in the second. . . . Tony Monaghan (Ireland), 174½, knocked out Bert Nixon (Norwich), 172, in the first.

NEWCASTLE.—Alby Tissong (South Africa), 127, and Juan Alvarez (Belgium), 127, drew over ten rounds. . . . Dick Ashcroft (Manchester), 137, was outpointed by Roy Bennett (Salford), 136, over eight rounds. . . . Malcolm Pidgeon (South Bank), 152, stopped Jack Armstrong (West Africa), 145, in the second round. . . . Jimmy Brown (Salford), 128, knocked out Charlie Mannion (Middlesborough), 122, in the first.

BRISTOL.—Gordon Hazell (Bristol), 159½, outpointed George Dilkes (South Elmshall), 159, over eight. . . . Dai Dower (Abercynon), 111½, outpointed Colin Clitheroe (Preston), 113, over six rounds. . . . Jack Thornbury (Covent Garden), 145½, stopped Paul King (Torquay), 148, in the fifth. . . . Sid Millinson (Dudley), 120, knocked out Marty Hicks (Bristol), 117¾, in the fifth.

HASTINGS.—Brian Anders (Brighton), 174½, outpointed Jimmy James (Portsmouth), 172, over eight rounds. . . . Johnny Cheatle (Portsmouth), 136, outpointed Steve Appollo (Brighton), 135½, over six. . . . Ted Garmer (Portsmouth), 179½, stopped Dave Griffiths (Harrow), 178½, in the fifth. . . . George Connors (Islington), 119, outpointed Johnny Lockyer (Portsmouth), 120½, over six hard-hitting rounds. . . . Ken Bebbington (West Ham), 145, outpointed Vic Smith (Croydon), 142½, over six.

MANCHESTER.—Jackie Braddock (Manchester), 154½, made a successful return to the ring after a years absence, and outpointed Leslie McKenzie (South Africa), 146, over ten rounds. . . . Johnny Hazel (Jamaica), 135¾, outpointed Billy Shaw (Manchester), 135½, over eight. . . . Kit Pompey (British Guiana), 152, stopped Jimmy Brogden (Manchester), 151, in the sixth. . . . Danny Harvey (Glasgow), 145½, outscored Dave Underwood (Plymouth), 145, over six. . . . Freddie Bancroft (Cockermouth), 130, stopped Percy James (Southport), 130, in the third. . . . Peter King (Manchester), 152¼, outpointed Tommy Colcliffe (Reddish), 153, over six rounds.

EMPRESS HALL.—Terry Allen, British flyweight champion, showed that he was ring rusty when after a six-months layoff he met Gaetano Annaloro of Tunis in a ten-round bantamweight bout. Allen started off at a fast pace and won the first three rounds, then the Tunisian made up the leeway and clinched matters in the ninth round by scoring a clean knockdown. Allen got up at 9, and battled it out with his opponent in the last round. . . . Both received cut eyes in the fourth round but this only made them fight the harder and after a very exciting contest Annaloro was declared a points winner. . . . Joe Lucy (Mile End) won a hard points decision against Louis Carrara (Algiers) over ten rounds. . . . Mark Hart (Croydon) took 2 minutes 36 seconds to knock out Paddy Slavin (Belfast) in a heavyweight bout. . . . In a welterweight bout Frank Cassidy (Tottenham) stopped Danny Harvey (Scotland) in the second round. . . . Peter Toch (Balham) met an old opponent of amateur days in Eddie Hern (Battersea) these two heavyweights, new recruits to the professional ranks, put up a sterling battle with Toch proving the better, and was a deserving points winner at the end of the six rounds. . . . Wally Beckett (Carshalton) outpointed Ron Crookes (Sheffield) in an eight-round middleweight contest. . . . Two bantamweights in the small type, stole the show with their six-round contest, that brought the house to their toes with their willingness to "HAVE A GO" and at the end when both lads, Clem A'Court (Epsom) and Harry Alley (Paddington), stood in the center of the ring taking the cheers after a draw had been declared.

TOLEDO FISTIC HEADLINES

By Hal Grothjan

PAT (SPUNKY) LOWRY, rising Toledo welterweight, kayoed Chuck Foster of Omaha in the fifth stanza when Pat connected with a right cross to the chin.

In another eight, veteran Charley Early, Newark welterweight, made a strong comeback to earn a draw with Jimmy Cousins of Indianapolis. Clever lightweight Tommy Maddox, Chicago, decisioned Billy Cristiani of Detroit in eight heats. Neil Welch, Toledo heavyweight, looked very impressive in taking a unanimous six-round decision from veteran Hubert Hood, Chicago. Wendell DeLorme, Toledo, 150, lasted just about long enough to get his gloves up as Detroit's Billy Sinn dropped him twice for a 45-second kayo in a scheduled six. Ples Gilmore, 132, former Toledo amateur star, opened his pro career by handing Jimmy Sparks, Detroit, a TKO at 1:45 of the second.

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'SCOOP'—THAT CAUSED A RIOT

(*Continued from page 9*)

brought news from America that was followed keenly by the sports. They virtually ate it up so keen were they for the training camp reports.

On the day of the fight Manila was a bedlam. Every poolroom and gambling joint was jammed. It was generally known that the report of the fight would not be obtained that same day but all hands expected the papers to carry at least a line on the winner.

But the papers "fell down". Not a word was received. The Editors, beseeched by the gamblers, were frantic. For some unknown reason word did not come over the London-Hong Kong wire.

About an hour before the new *Manila Press*, which had only recently been organized, was to go to press, Fagan got an idea. He came rushing into the office all excited.

The Editor ushered him into his office and there Fagan, out of breath, said:

"I understand that you have no report of the big fight."

"That's so," replied the Editor, a young man who had recently arrived from St. Louis to tackle the job. "Do you know anything", asked the Editor, who had come from America highly recommended by the owner of the *Denver Post*, a leading U. S. newspaper.

"Well, I've seen a private message. It came over a cipher," panted Fagan. "I not only know who won but I've got the fight by rounds and all that happened. Some of my friends have engineered the deal to keep the news out of Manila so that they can make a clean up in the betting but you can have it if you'll pay what it's worth."

THE Editor was amazed. "I can't understand how such a thing could be done but if you've got what I want, I'll give you fifty dollars for the story," he told Fagan.

"Fifty, eh? Don't make me laugh."

"That's all I can pay," came the reply.

"Fifty Mex?" asked Fagan.

"No, fifty gold," came the reply.

"It's a deal," snapped Fagan.

"Then sit down here and write the story as quickly as you can," said the Editor. "Who won and how many rounds, I want to get up a big scare head on it."

"Sharkey won by a knockout in the eighth round," said Fagan.

"That's a peach of a story for us. Get busy in a hurry."

"OK," replied Fagan, and he banged away at the story, faking up a good round by round yarn that made the fight a thriller, something it really was.

THE young Editor, who had been told about the shady side of Fagan, came out of his office and asked Fagan for a copy of the cable. He wanted to look at it.

"Not a chance," replied the "scoop" artist. "No one sees it."

"My friends expect to clean up a lot of dough on this 'beat' and I'm taking no chances. I've done these fellows a good turn and they wanted me to get in on the scoop. That's how I got the cable."

"Who are these men?" asked the editor.

"There are two and both are big time gamblers. That's all I can tell you."

With that the Editor quit talking and let Fagan do the writing. He plunged into the story. He fairly wallowed in bloody details. He wrote the description of the fight by rounds which caused the City Editor to grin and wag his head as he read the copy, sheet after sheet.

"Bully stuff, Fagan," said he. "Keep it going. You've got something."

FAGAN had Jeffries leading in the first six rounds and then the plunging sailor came tearing in with frightful punishment, cutting Big Jim into ribbons. His bull-like rushes put Jeffries down twice and the ring was flooded with gore.

It was a great description, one that would have done justice to a Charley Van Loan, Damon Runyon, O. Henry or Jack London, and the Editor didn't begrudge Fagan the sum he had agreed to pay for the yarn.

Suddenly the young Editor had an inspiration. He wrote a lead, stating that the description of the fight had been written from a cipher dispatch received that afternoon.

"That'll make it look all the better," he said.

The paper came out with its extra and there was a riot over Fagan's fight story. The people believed the yarn and thousands of dollars changed hands. Fist fights and beer bottle battles followed the celebration of the sailors who had trimmed the soldiers through the medium of the fake yarn. The line-up of sailors in the poolrooms collecting their dough was a sight in itself.

The Jeffries losers shook their heads. It was unbelievable! They wondered how such a big dub could have whipped the great Bob Fitzsimmons!

The other Manila papers were scooped and scooped properly. It was an angry group of scribes that gathered in the "Sportsmen's Bar" cussing the failure of the cable service. Chet Gentry, who was the Sports Editor of the *Manila Tribune*, was one writer who refused to acknowledge the scoop as a legitimate one. He demanded to know the names of the two gamblers who were alleged to have received the cable message of the great Sharky triumph.

There was plenty of excitement as the naval and military shore patrols kept picking up service men engaged in fights over the report. Several soldiers were badly whipped by the sailors who were in high glee over the "killing" and all shore leave had to be cancelled several hours after the "scoop" was published.

Late in the evening, after Gentry had been on a tour of investigation trying to locate the alleged gamblers who got the news of the Sharkey victory, he bumped into Fagan in the "Blackcat Rendezvous" and learned that Fagan had purchased transportation to Hong Kong.

"You finally leaving Manila?" asked the unsuspecting Gentry of Fagan. "Why so soon?"

"For my health," replied Fagan. "I need a change of air." Gentry didn't suspect the true meaning of those remarks.

After Fagan had left, the first cable report of the fight arrived at the *Journal* office and that of the several other papers. A mob of angry men appeared before the *Journal* headquarters howling for revenge. The young Editor from St. Louis had much explaining to do as the full report of Jeffries' victory over Sailor Tom kept coming in.

There was nothing he could do. The bets had been paid. The windows of the *Journal* were smashed. The Editor was unable to leave his quarters without a strong bodyguard.

Less than a fortnight after the "scoop", young Mr. Editor packed his bags and left for America. He had good reason to forget Manila. As for Fagan, he got away in the nick of time.

THE other "big scoop" in the career of Jeffries occurred at the time of the Reno fight with Jack Johnson. So confident was the Editor of the *San Francisco Bulletin* that Jeffries would knock out Jack Johnson that he published an extra in the afternoon and released it before the fight was over. It was a "Tremendous Scoop".

"Jeffries Knocks Out Jack Johnson", read the headline on page one and when the result was flashed across the country that Jeffries was stopped by the Galveston Giant, a hurry call was put through to pick up all papers from the newsstands. It was reported that the paper offered as high as $2 each for a bundle that was held out by one of the agents who saw a little fortune in his stock.

CANADIAN TOPICS

By Lawson Bampton

PADDY DEMARCO, Brooklyn's "Bully Boy," turned it on without a letdown to pretty thoroughly douse Armand Savoie's burning hopes to earn a crack at the world lightweight title in the near future. Paddy ploughed right in and Savoie turned in one of his most inept performances in their ten-round headliner of Raoul Godbout's Forum offering before a gathering of some 7,000, turnstiling to the tune of just a couple of C notes under the $20,000 mark.

DeMarco gave a convincing display to Savoie and Montreal fandom. He seldom let the Montrealer get set and mauled him consistently with both hands. When Savoie tried to nail him by shortening his counter punches, Paddy either stepped up the pace or feinted Armand into firing before ripping in. The decision to DeMarco was unanimous by counts of 6–4, 7–3 and 6–3–1.

Reggie Chartrand, Montreal welter, had little trouble gaining his twentieth win in 21 starts when he belted out one Sonny Brown, New Yorker, in the first round. Noel Paquette stoped his local lightweight rival, Jerry Cannon, in the fourth.

Hubert Gagnier, former Canadian feather champ, made a successful ring return after a three-year layoff by decisioning Dexter Connors in a pip of a six rounder. Gagnier is a fast, clever southpaw. Tommy Corrick, Toronto feather, won over Emile Lamarche in a spicy six rounder and the four round opener was a draw between Jerry Aubut and Gil Clave.

RATINGS

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Joey Klein drew with Mario Terry, 8. Al Mobley drew with Ernst Setzman, 6. Lew Lazar outpointed Dutch Champion Nico Schoenmaker, 8. Larry Busching halted Tony Percy, 2.

Noel Parquette halted Jerry Cannon, 4. Reggie Chartrand beat Wes Lowry, 6, and kayoed Sonny Brown, 1. Luigi Male drew with Franco Rizzotti, 10. Jimmy Watkins kayoed Calvin Nathan, 4.

Robert Guivarch acquired vacant French title by kayoing William Thieulin, 14. Al Villafarra beat Roger Trevino, 6. Leslie McKenzie edged out by middleweight Jackie Braddock, 10. Jimmy Brown stopped Dick Miller, 5. Tommy Maddox decisioned Billy Cristiani, 8.

Elmer Beltz beat Elmer Barao, 10. Monroe Kurtz halted Joe Lissy, 4. Norman Web halted Guiseppi Sabatini, 3. Willie Gray stopped Gene LeBlanc, 4. Earl McDonald outscored Wilf Desjardins, 6, Wilf also lost to Tuppy Tyler, 6.

Ralph Cervantes stopped Dick Kerber, 5. Baby Ike defeated Ray Acosta, 6. Joe Brewer halted Roosevelt Coward, 6. Jed Black kayoed Bill Parlin, 2. Manuel Roche kayoed Mario Conde, 7.

Johnny Gentile outscored Charley Scott, 6. Richie DeCerio outfought Earl Clemmons, 6. Tommy Swan kayoed Red Evans, 3. Archie Whitewater kayoed Harry Smith, 9.

Terry Ryan kayoed Larry Griffin, 9, Griffin beat Babe McCarron, 10. Tommy Matthews beat Johnny Brown, 6. Calvin Davis beat Bobby Rosado, 6. Premus Williams defeated Don Keeling, 6. Raoul Perez beat Billy Whye, 6. Ted Murray outfought Walter Haines, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World champion Jimmy Carter scored ten knockdowns in kayoing Tommy Collins in four rounds to successfully defend his title.

Pat Ford won Australian title by kayoing Frank Flannery, 10. Paddy DeMarco outpointed Armand Savoie, 10. Jorgen Johansen retained European title by outpointing French champion Jacques Prigent, 15. Prigent previously whipped Beppe Di Joanni, 10, and Tommy McGovern, 10.

Arthur King decisioned Henry Davis, 10. James Perry outpointed Japanese welterweight champion Hachiro Tatsumi, 12. Orlando Zulueta and Joey Brown boxed to a draw, 10. Zulueta then lost to Wallace Smith, 10. Manuel Rivera outscored Chu Chu Jiminez, 10. Ralph Dupas defeated Richie Howard, 10.

Juan Leanos kayoed Bobby Silva, 6, and beat Salvador Mares, 10, and Raul Herrera, 10. Italian champion Duilio Loi trounced Allan Tanner, 10. Tanner came back to outfight Johnny Mahlangu, 10.

Eddie Compo outpointed Jimmy Wilde, 8, and Henry LaSane, 10. Enrique Gomez kayoed Baby Felix, 4. Auguste Caulet trounced Cliff Anderson, 10. Harry (Snuffy) Smith outpointed Freddy Herman, 10.

Bouadjemi Mohkfi lost to Marcello Padovani, 8, and Serge Ceustermans, 8. Jackie Blair outpointed Al Juergens, 12. Joe Lucy decisioned Louis Carrara, 10. Marcelino Pena stopped Jose Galicia, 3, and beat Ceferino Montes, 10.

George Monroe decisioned Bobby Timpson, 8. Hoacine Khalfi flattened Sauveur Chiocca, 9. Georgie Dunn stopped George Edmonds, 5, but lost to Art Persley, 10. Frank Hermal outfought Jacques Dehaye, 10. Larry Mujica upset featherweight Pat Marcune, 10.

Gordon Goodman too clever for Ted Ansell, 8. Sammy Rodgers beat Jesse Underwood, 10, and Charley Early, 8. Jimmy Savala drew with Joey Clemo, 10. Tommy Roberts defeated Ray Edwards, 6. Les Gaines drew with Tommy Manois, 10.

Walter Johnson beat Lou Martino, 6. Billy Wagner kayoed Mickey Mars, 4. Bobby Bickle kayoed Bobby Singleton, 3, and beat Fernando Rivera, 10. Lloyd Hudson kayoed Rudy Champagne, 5, and Paul Martin, 7.

Morlay Kamara decisioned Raymond Lemaire, 10. Santiago Esteban outfought Doug Kirby, 10, and kayoed Marvin Smith, 8. Roy Bennett whipped Dick Ashcroft, 8. Earl Hilton outfought Tommy Reed, 8. Barry O'Neil outpointed Augie Salazar, 10.

Augustin Argote kayoed Rocky Montano, 4. Ben Miloud beat Bobby English, 10, and Doug Medley, 8. Jimmy Hackney outpointed Tommy Maddox, 8. Johnny Mahlangue stopped Gerry Hassett, 3. Joe Felan outpointed Joe Vazquez, 8. Vazquez beat Buddy Carter, 8.

Cisco Andrade kayoed Johnny Hart, 2. Tommy Marciano outscored Chico Corsey, 6. Tommy Flores kayoed Red Snyder, 1, and beat Buddy McDonald, 8. Johnny Busso stopped Chic Boucher, 3. Gerry Hassett outpointed Al Brown, 8.

Tommy Manaios kayoed Gene Morris, 3. Ray Edwards beat Walter Johnson, 6. Norman Wormall decisioned Johnny Hudson, 8. Bolo Montez beat Raul Valencia, 6. Al Hunter beat Edgar Stover, 6. Johnny Valentine beat Ron Stribling, 8.

Rudy Jordan defeated Manuel Renteria, 6, and Mr. Boston, 6. Don Grinton defeated Frank Basil, 6. Gil Chris defeated Al Duarte, 6.

John Slockie died of injuries after being kayoed by Dick Love, 12. Paul Roach beat Norman Shaw, 6, and stopped Pat Kelley, 4. Jimmy Scalero outpunched Tatos Matos, 6, but was stopped by Felix Redundo, 5.

Gilberto Muniz beat Roy Boyd, 6. Charley Slaughter defeated Houston Brown, 6. Isaac Vaughan scored over Ross Calvin, 6. Charlie Copp beat Carroll Genshaw, 6, and kayoed Henry Lujan, 3.

Hy Meltzer decisioned Candido Gonzalez, 10. Milton Scott stopped Wilbur Robinson, 6. Ricky McCullough decisioned Bertie Conn, 8. Dave Cervantes kayoed Tuzo Jiminez, 8, and beat Al Cota, 12. Freddy Bravo beat Manuel Hernandez, 10.

Bluey Wilkins flattened Sid Stevens, 3. Dick Lowe outpointed Ted McCoy, 12, but was iced by Gordon Meredith, 8. Jimmy Baine drew with Young Layton, 12.

Charley Dunn demolished Arthur Kelly, 2. Dave Landers finished Jackie Ryan, 6. Basil Marie outscored Baby Joe Diaz, 10. Johnny Gonsalves won over Paddy DeMarco, 10. Arthur Persley decisioned Percy Bassett, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Bobby Woods drew with Ken Davis, 10, and was outpointed by Davis, 10. Bill Bossio beat Johnny O'Brien, 8. Cesar Saavedra outpointed Tomas Castillo, 10, and Domingo Hidalgo, 10.

British champion Ronnie Clayton retained title by flattening Freddie King, 4.

Pat Marcune was upset by lightweight Larry Mujica, 10. Baby Luna scored over Lucio Gonzalez, 10. Charley Riley kayoed Arthur Portley, 3, and Dave Gallardo, 7. Jimmy Cooper kayoed Puppy Garcia, 4.

Lulu Perez upset Corky Gonzales, 10. Rudy Garcia outpointed Ruben Smith, 10. Gene Smith halted Jose Ramos, 6. Bobby Why kayoed Johnny Butterworth, 4.

Humberto Carrillo kayoed Pepe Montes, 8. Tommy Corrick defeated Emile Lamarche, twice in 6. Freddie King outpointed Lou Jacobs, 8. Jackie Turpin decisioned Freddie Hicks, 8.

Jose Ramos outpointed Charley Titone, 6, Titone in turn beat Mike Tocci, 6, while Mike beat Filberto Osario, 6. Alby Tissong kayoed Jackie Turpin, 2.

Luis Romero avenged previous defeat by outpointing Jose Galiana, 10. Al Cruz stopped Jorge Manjarrez, 8, but Jorge beat Pete Aguirre, 6. Tony Say stopped Billy Lima, 7. Vince Delgardo upset Chico Villa, 6.

French champion Ray Grassi retained title by outfighting Jacques Bataille, 15. Chico Rosa outpointed Juan Luis Campos, 10. Manuel Armentaros kayoed Aurelio Rivero, 1. Harry Ramsden whipped Billy Connolly, 8.

Oscar Alvarez edged out Pierre Carrara, 10. Walter Brown outpointed Eddie Gilcrist, 5. Manuel Baptista defeated Nick Deveno, 6, but lost on a disqualification to Jack Larkin, 2. Larkin was kayoed by Cliff Brown, 3.

Billy (Spider) Kelly avenged previous defeat by whipping Tommy Miller, 8. Jerry Kortright kayoed Ray Miranda, 2, but lost to Filberto Osario, 6. Italian champion Altidoro Polidori lost to Gavino Furesi, 10 (non-title). Bernard Fairbanks edged out Hughie Mackie, 8. Mickey Mars kayoed Billy Wagner, 6.

Bobby Boland outpointed Hugh Mackie, 8. Joe Wilkinson stopped Charlie McGarrity, 3, and beat Guilemro Roberts, 6. Jacques Dumesnil bested Louis Van Hoeck, 8. Jacques Lesseine edged out Ray Brousse, 8.

Steve Horvath stopped Johnny O'Sullivan, 3. Lorenzo Garcia outscored Kid Henry, 6. Pierre Carra outfought Lucien Meraint, 10, after Meraint scored knockouts over Alvaro Cerasini, 1, and Ray Vangi, 5. Jose Bruno kayoed Mack Little, 3. Charley Tucker won from Johnny Molloy on disqualification, 6.

Hubert Gagnier outfought Dexter Connors, 6. Juan Collazo drew with Battling Coronade, 8. Sylvester Wallace kayoed Transito Kid, 4.

Rudi Langer became double German champion, adding vacant featherweight title to his bantam laurels by outpointing Karl Pinsdorf, 12. Luis Contreras outpointed Mexicano Soria, 10. Paul Herrick defeated Billy Sheridan, 6.

Harold Gomes beat Filberto Osario, 10. Juan Alvarez drew with Alby Tissong, 10. Vinnie Calderone beat Dinny McNamara, 6. Pelon Duran defeated Joaquin Carrillo, 10. Jorge Macias kayoed Hector Perez, 3. Bobby Courchesne beat Jerry Kortright, 6.

Ray Coleman whipped Ron Varcoe, 12. Billy Richards decisioned Tony Fisher, 12. Willie Pep outpointed Jackie Blair, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Robert Cohen drew with featherweight Jean Sneyers and outpointed American (N.B.A.) champion Henry (Pappy) Gault, 10. Belgian champion Pierre Cossemyns halted Pierre Bakelandt, 2, flattened Marcel Mathieu, 3, and retained his title by drawing with Alex Bollaert, 12. Jesse Mongia kayoed Keeny Teran, 4. Otillo Galvan outpointed Buddy Baggett, 15. Melvin Bourne halted Rodolfo Ampudia, 14, to win the Panama title.

Lino Botello kayoed Timoteo Serrano, 5. Andre Valignat repeated previous victory by outpointing Dante Bini, 10. Memo Dorantes outpointed Tommy Vazquez, 10, and kayoed Manuel Ramirez, 6. Hilaire Pratesi whipped Edouard Werner, 6.

Gaetano Annaloro outpointed flyweight Terry Allen, 10. Horacio Otis kayoed Black Bill, 9. Italian champion Gianni Zuddas shaded Emile Chemama, 10. Manuel Ramirez won disqualification over Sapito Jiminez, 7. Jimenez then beat Roberto Espinoza, 10.

Gerry Aubut kayoed Bob Sylvain, 3. Alex Santoy decisioned Manny Camarillo, 5. Jean Kidy outfought Kid Andre, 10. Pedro Garcia drew with Marciano Bermudez, 10.

Maurice Garcia stiffened Edmond Moletto, 1. Rudolfo Francis kayoed Julio Farah, 2. Tommy Purcell outpointed Albert Sanderson, 6. Tony Grasso drew with Kildo Martinez, 6.

Unbeaten John Kelly continued winning skein by stopping Tommy Proffitt, 5. Raton Robles defeated Vincente Flores, 6, and drew with Lupe Esquivel, 8. Johnny Barnham outpointed Jimmy Cardew, 8.

Raton Macias beat Manuel Armenteros, 10. Armenteros then kayoed Aurielo Rivero, 1. Rivero also lost to Baby Rivera, 10. Frankie Campos kayoed Alonzo Aviles, 1. Roberto Razo kayoed Miguel Rodriguez, 5.

Robert Meunier lost to flyweight Jake Tuli, 10. Australian champion Young Regan stopped Panama Flash, 9. Alan Landers kayoed Ernie Barter, 2.

FLYWEIGHTS

World champion Yoshio Shirai outpointed Baby Moe Mario, 10 (non-title), and Tanny Campo, 15, (title bout).

British Empire champion Jake Tuli stopped Eric Marsden, 6. Leo Espinosa upset Young Martin, 10.

British champion Terry Allen lost to bantamweight Gaetano Annaloro, 10. Jimmy Thomson halted Billy Baker, 3. Ogli Tettey stopped Freddie Orr, 4. Charley Bohbot repeated previous victory by outpointing Andre Jasse, 10.

Belgian champion Emile Delplanque outpointed Charles Vandeville, 8, and repeated in return bout over same distance. Mickey Roche outpointed Jimmy Quinn, 8. Dai Dower outpointed Colin Clitheroe, 6, and stopped Peter Hallberg, 3.

Victor Asprilla beat Baby Quiros, 6. Juan Valdes beat Kid Filipino, 8.

British Empire champion Jake Tuli outscored bantamweight Robert Meunier, 10.

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sure that he would eventually be as much of a success on the legitimate stage as Canada Lee had been.

JESS WILLARD, the conqueror of L'il Arthur, was of a different mould than any of the other heavyweight champs. He was a family man with no urge to show off and despised having his private life open to intrusion by the public. The roar of the mob meant little to him and although he tried his hand at the theatre it was purely an attempt to derive as much financial gain from his crown as possible.

Gene Tunney, after winning the title from Jack Dempsey, went into a shell of lofty ideals. Shakespeare and big business meant more to him than the adulation of the boxing enthusiasts.

He married a society girl and rebuffed the pugilistic proletariat. Perhaps the hard road he had been forced to travel had played a good share in his "nose up attitude" and the fact that the fans had shown a rather diffident position toward the man who dethroned Dempsey. He was the first man to ever retire undefeated from the proud office of heavyweight champ and has become more popular in recent years than he ever was as a fighter. A big man in the real estate and rubber fields, he has shown little interest in remaining in the spotlight.

Herr Max Schmeling never had a chance to find out what it was like to be popular, after winning the crown on a foul from Jack Sharkey. Only in Germany, his homeland, was Max not thoroughly berated for the manner in which he got hold of the title and he received very little comfort or fun out of it. America was quickly developing an antagonistic attitude toward German Nazism which left Max sitting on a throne that most fans were praying to have chopped out from under him. His few thespian endeavors were pathetic and probably resulted more from his relationship with his wife, who was a German movie star, than from his desire to become an actor.

AFTER Max came Sharkey whose tenure of office was short. During his term, Pack was everyone's friend. A good natured, fun loving chap, he had no desire to see anything beyond his beloved Boston. He was satisfied to have his own following in a tavern which he set up in the Bean City.

Primo Carnera was another champ who hailed from a foreign land. He enjoyed the plaudits of the crowd but never received the money that he had earned. It was invested in bad ventures with unreliable characters. Today, as a wrestler, he has found the public esteem that he lost when his crown was knocked off his head by Max Baer. He has also learned how to take care of his monyah.

Jim Braddock was made to order for the public. A true example of the chances that every American boy had in life was typified in his Cinderella rags to riches career. Jim spent too long in poverty not to appreciate his windfall as champ. He loved his championship but more for the security that it gave than for the fun. To him the fans' approval meant financial backing.

Then came Louis, and after Joe, Ezzard Charles. Ezz was too much of a boxer—he lacked the aggressive tactics needed to capture the fancy of the fans. A lover of clothes and consistantly conscious of his lack of crowd appeal, Ezz has bemoaned the sub-zero following that existed among fight goers.

After losing his title and starting a comeback, unveiling a new Charles in the process, a Charles that fought like a tiger, he still has not captured the following he so desires. He has repeatedly asked reporters, "What must I do to satisfy the fans?"

Jersey Joe Walcott rang up the curtain on another "American Boyhood" episode when he won the heavyweight title at the age of 37. An age when most athletes are hanging up their heads to dream of past glories.

But "Ole Man River" never captured the following won by a Dempsey or others of the older era.

A nice man, follower of God, he always receives lip homage from his fellow men. But when he attempted to make money by personal appearances and exhibitions the public showed that they would not pay to see the man they liked. They did not hold the same regard for him as a fighter as they did for Walcott the man. He lacked box office appeal.

ROCKY MARCIANO has achieved a measure of the fans' fanfare as does every hard hitter. Considered by many to hit as hard as any gladiator of the past he is gaining in popularity with every fight. His knockout of Wolcott to win the crown in the thirteenth round last year did much to prove to the skeptical that he was a man worthy of this title.

His early record played an important role in keeping the public from immediately acclaiming him as their champion. Rocky came along to the important shot with Walcott too quickly, with too little competition for the fans to be able to compare him to past titleholders. Like all punchers, if he continues to put the rockabye on his opponents he will find an ever enlarging group to worship at his shrine.

Marciano likes his tenure of office but not in the way of a Corbett, Dempsey or Sullivan. He is proud and happy at his success. He feels grateful to his fans. He does not hold his following a step below him as a king does his subjects, but rather considers his fans as his benefactors and himself as one lucky guy.

Rocky at his training camp prior to his first fight with Walcott was asked what he thought of Joe and if he thought he would knock him out.

The man from Brockton, Mass., answered: "Joe is a fine man and I kinda hate to have to fight him but the fans pay to see me give my best and that I am going to do. I can't say when or if I will knock out Joe but I'll be in there swinging, cause that's the only way that I know how to fight and I believe I'll win. I'd look like a bum if I attempted to become one of those fancy dans."

Compare that statement with our glamour boys who state the round and second that they will kayo their opponents.

JOE LOUIS, the cause of all this, has fallen prey to the need to feel once again the hot flame of success, to breath in the glitter of the sport crowd and those who meander down the main stem. His success so far seems assured and we wish him well, but the star that shines on ex-champs has in the past dimmed rather abruptly once the novelty wears off.

Will Joe break the jinx that holds back ex-heavy weight champs from reaching heights as great as those they attained as boxing kings?

Kid Gavilan, (right) world welterweight champion, exchanges a flurry of blows with European champ, Ivio Minelli at the Cleveland Arena. Gavilan won a close, split ten round decision.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. Jimmie Amann

ACTIVITY returned to Cincinnati during the month of May in boxing. At the Cincinnati Garden, Sam and Benny Becker presented an all-star program which was headlined by lightweights Wallace Smith, Cincinnati, and Orlando Zulueta of Cuba.

Smith plastered his foe and won with apparent ease after 10 rounds of hard milling.

Isaac Vaughn, sensational local lightweight, won a six-round decision over Ross Calvin. Premus Williams beat Don Keeling in a six, at 145 pounds, and Kirko Johnson won from Stanley Reese in six, middles. Jack Ingram, 122, won from Ray Axt, 119, in four rounds.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By Max Yeargain

JIMMIE NIXON, Kansas City's boxing promoter, staged a show at the Municipal Auditorium with Bobby Bickle, student at the University of Washburn, Topeka, Kan., punching out a thrilling ten-round split decision over Fernando Rivera, Kansas City.

The Midwest's welterweight champion, Billy Sudduth, Topeka, kayoed Pat O'Grady, of Omaha, in the third. Sudduth had the Omahan down for nine in the second.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP by Charlie Parish

CONTINENTAL clouters eased up on sensations this month, the outstanding results were the wins of Milazzo and Bob Cohen over Norman Hayes and Pappy Gault of America. Stretz's victory over Soldevilla before the limit and the extinction of Alvaro Cerasani at the hands of unknown Lucien Meraint. Away from the Continent, fighters did better. Jacques Prigent handed a nifty lacing to Tommy McGovern, Annaloro did the same service for Terry Allen and in America, Hein ten Hoff, Pierre Langlois and Livio Minelli all turned in good performances. Ben Miloud continues to entertain well in the States, as are Tony Say of France and Italo Scortichini of Italy. Charles Colin was upset by veteran Albert Finch of England, and another British cruiser, Johnny Barton, upset the Portuguese champ, Julio Neves. The Italian fight authorities have stripped Ivano Fontana of the Italian middles title and put the bauble up for competition. Fontana has suffered two successive kayoes in South America.

Brussels, Belgium.—An excellent featherweight battle was furnished at the Palais des Sports by Jean Sneyers and the Tunisian whirlwind, Robert Cohen, over ten rounds. The verdict of "drawn match" was given but opinion tended for Cohen, three pounds lighter and much faster than the Belgian. Emile Delmine treated the French middleweight, blacksmith Jacques Royer-Crecy, like an anvil and only Crecy's obstinate courage enabled him to last the ten rounds. Titi Clavel bested the Belgian welter, Edgard Delannoit, in ten, and Jean Corhay, new Belgian cruiser star, nodded Robert Masson over eight rounds. Hilaire Pratesi, latest French bantam hope, won over Edouard Werner in six.

Cuesmes, Belgium.—Oscar Alvarez, the Spanish-born Belgian feather, was rather fortunate in getting the decision over Pierre Carrara, Parisian star, in a moderately good ten here. Emile Delplanque decisioned Charles Vandeville in a flyweight eight.

In a previous program at Frameries, Delplanque had already beaten Vandeville in eight rounds, whilst Alvarez had stopped Henri Van Parys in the ninth round.

At Anderlecht.—Pierre Cossemyns halted veteran Pierre Baekelandt in the second of a bantam affair.

Rome, Italy.—Aristide Dal Piaz, classy middles amateur star, made his bow in the paid ranks with an easy win over Fernando Spallotta in six rounds.

Sassari.—Gavino Furesi gave the best performance of his career when he outfought the Italian feathers champ, Artidoro Polidori, in ten snappy rounds.

At Verbania.—Angelo Idi threw a scare into Franco Scarano and stopped that worthy in the second heat of their middles argument.

Amsterdam, Holland.—At the Apollohall, Wim Snoek won a classy battle against Belgium's Eli Elandon, outpointing the dusky Congo cruiser in ten rounds, whilst Jan Hagenaar got the edge against Snucky De Bruin in a cruiser eight. Charlie Anglee was again in evidence, defeating the Nigerian middles star, Kay Kalio, in a middles ten; and clever Henk Klok whipped Jo De Wilde, the Belgian feather, in six.

Lisbon, Portugal.—Auguste Caulet returned to action with a lively points win over the rather faded lightie, Cliff Anderson, over ten rounds. Johnny Barton, the Lancashire lightheavy, battered Julio Neves to defeat in five.

Paris.—Frank Hermal consolidated his position among French lighties by just edging Jacques Dehaye after a hard ten rounder. Franco Vescovi put the skids under Jean Boitel in the opening frame of their welter clash.

At the Salle Wagram.—Lucien Meraint caused a terrific sensation by stiffening Alvaro Cerasani in the opening round of their feathers slam. Both men are southpaws, Cerasani being perhaps the hardest-hitting feather on the Continent, but afflicted with a glass jaw. Idrissa Dione, the young welter star, continued his impressive series of wins by chilling Roger Baour in the third frame, and Michel Clavel trimmed Luc Domer in a lightweight six.

Bordeaux, France.—José Ustarros came through with a win over Salah in a middles ten, whilst Edouard Ptak bested Cyrille Hazebrouck in a feathers eight.

At Lyons, Hoacine Khalfi succeeded in knocking out clever Sauveur Chiocca with a right uppercut to the midriff in round nine of a lightweight set-to. In a middles affair, Henri Entringer avenged a previous defeat by clearly defeating Michel Aubignat over ten rounds.

Milan, Italy.—Gianni Zuddas, who has shown a return to form recently, was disappointing against Emile Chemama, Algerian bantam, who bossed the Italian for ten rounds but saw the verdict go to Zuddas. Duilio Loi had little trouble in disposing of Allan Tanner over ten rounds in a lightweight duel, and Marcello Padovani whipped Bouadjemi Mokhfi by a narrow margin in another lightie affair over eight rounds. Giancarlo Garbelli trimmed Walter Sarti in a lightweight six.

Marseilles, France.—Ray Grassi was dropped for an "eight" count in the second stanza of his feathers title defense against Jacques Bataille, and was put on the defensive for quite a while. Grassi regained the initiative in the tenth and had Bataille in trouble; the final verdict went unanimously to the champion. Jacques Prigent was not impressive in beating Beppe Di Joanni, Italian lightweight, over ten, and Tony Feliciano edged Claudio Rossi in a middles eight. Claramunt drew with Boris in a lightweight eight.

Paris.—At the Stadium, Augustin Ussin was too strong for Antonio Lopez, visiting Spanish welter, in a rugged ten, while André Meraint stopped Ray Vangi in the fifth frame of a feathers slam.

At Cannes.—Jacques Strocchio rid himself of Gianni Ferrari in the third of a cruiser slam, and Giovanni Paini, Italian lightie, bested Julien Staccini, in ten.

At Granville.—Gaston Meulebrouck outfought robust Gilbert Stock in a middles ten and Tedjini beat Michel Hermier in a welter eight.

St. Malo, France.—Francis Coeuret, promising French cruiser, took just two rounds to despatch Francois Golob to the land of dreams.

At Flers.—Marcel Tirel won over Jean Poisson in a middles ten, and at Sens, Kid le Noir beat Andre Surier in a lightweight ten.

Liege, Belgium.—Luigi Valentini was ruled out in the second heat of his bout with Kid Dussart for irregular punches, and Dussart thus lays claim to a shot at Lavoine's European title. Marcel Lesage regained lost prestige when he stopped promising Joe Woussem, Belgian feather, in the opening round. Jean Kidy outfought Kid André, Tunisian bantam, over ten rounds.

Paris.—At the Salle Wagram, André Valignat confirmed his standing among French bantams by again defeating classy young Dante Bini in a good ten-rounds fight.

Milan, Italy.—Gaetano Guerriero and Alex Ceremonia met for the third time but could only repeat their previous result, that of a draw after eight rounds. Dante Madella whipped Primo Venturelli in a middles eight and Nocentini trimmed Conti in a welter six.

Rheims, France.—Jacques Herbillon, stiff-clouting French lightie, iced Eugene Thomann in the second frame here.

At Menton.—Maurice Garcia created a stir by stiffening Edmond Moletto in the opening frame of a bantam bout, and Hilaire Gaviano trimmed Lumbacca in a flyweight eight. Ahmed Boulgroune also scored an upset by again stopping Cesar Lawniczack in the fourth of a middles match at Chalons-sur-Saone.

At St. Brieuc, in Brittany.—Dewinter of Belgium won over the local lightweight star, Yves Le Borgne, and Louis Perrigault nodded Marcel Livet in a welter eight.

Paris.—Morlay Kamara showed a welcome return to form when he easily outpointed Sylvain Therouse in a lightweight ten at the Stadium.

Kiel, Germany.—Gunther Nurnberg had an easy trip here against Steve McCall, the Canadian heavy, resident in Belgium. Less than two rounds sufficed for the visitor to be battered out of the ring itself and be counted out. In several good light-heavy slams, Ray Schmit of Luxembourg got the edge over Heinz Sachs but only got a draw after eight robust rounds, whilst Karl Ameisbichler of Austria rammed Hans Strelecki with a right to the liver which dropped him for the count in the fifth frame. Karl-Heinz Buecher knocked out Willi Hentrich in the second stanza, and in a lightweight duel, Kamlitz

CONTINENTAL RATINGS—By Charlie Parish

(Month Ending May 15, 1953)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Gilbert Lavoine (F)
2. Karel Sys (B)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
3. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Renato Tontini (I)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Livio Minelli (I)
4. Gunther Nurnberg (G)	Jacq. Hairabedian (F)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Kid Dussart (B)
5. Werner Wiegand (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Luigi Valentini (I)
6. Wil. Kohlbrecher (G)	Willy Schagen (H)	Mickey Laurent (F)	Leo Starosch (G)
7. Stef Olek (F)	Karl Ameisbichler (A)	Emile Delmine (B)	Raphael Da Sylva (P)
8. Hugo Salfeld (G)	Marcel Limage (B)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Eddie Dione (F)
9. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Antonio Soldevilla (S)	Robert Guivarch (F)
10. Ingemar Johansson (Sw)	Winnfried Henne (G)	Franco Festucci (I)	Luigi Male (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
Jacques Prigent (F)	Ray Famechon (F)	Robert Cohen (F)	Louis Skena (F)
Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Maurice Sandeyron (F)	Young Martin (S)
Werner Handtke (G)	Ray Grassi (F)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Charlie Bohbot (FM)
Joergen Johansen (D)	Luis Romero (S)	Andre Valignat (F)	Nazz. Gianelli (I)
Duilio Loi (I)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Emile Chemama (F)	Ot. Belardinelli (I)
Auguste Caulet (F)	Jacques Bataille (F)	Dante Bini (F)	Bernard Celestini (F)
Augustin Argote (S)	Alvaro Nuvoloni (I)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Robert Mouginot (F)
Joseph Preys (B)	Pierre Carrara (F)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Piero Rollo (I)
Ben Miloud (Fm)	Artidoro Polidori (I)	Rudi Langer (G)	Emile Delplanque (B)
Louis Carrara (F)	Maurice Forni (F)	Amleto Falcinelli I	Antonio Diaz (S)

NOTE.—French bantam Georges Ionescu has announced retirement.

LEGEND—(A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (FM) French-Morocco; (Fn) Finland; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxemburg; (S) Spain; (T) Tunis.

Sepanlon of Persia won over Bruno Walkowiak in four. Willi Lauter drew with Harry Brandscheit in a grand welter six.

Guingamp, France.—Francis Coeuret was again in the limelight when he put the crusher on Marcel Collet in the third frame of their cruiserweight clam. At Limoges.—Jean Moreau won clearly over the Paris welter, Prunet, in ten and at Chambery, Jacques Colomb stopped the Italian feather, Teresio Cavagna, in four rounds. Andre Younsi bested Julien Degryse in a feathers ten at Metz, whilst at Lisieux, promising Jean Guernalec stopped Ray Lemaire in the fifth heat of their lightweight set-to.

St. Lo, France.—Marcel Tirel, fast-improving Norman middleweight, came through with a close win over expert Aimé Lombard after ten hard rounds. At Puy, Antonio Lopez, mobile Spanish welter, tied up a Yugoslav, Francis Novak, in five rounds.

Casablanca, Morocco.—Hanania Bohbot and Manolo Garcia, the two leading lights of local pugilism, put up such a poor display in their featherweight bout here that the referee halted the bout and declared it "No Contest", as both fighters declined to let fly. The purses were withheld. Charlie Bohbot repeated a previous points victory over the Parisian flyweight, Andre Jasse, in ten rounds.

Paris.—Norman Hayes, American middle who maybe got the best of his fights with Humez and Dauthuille in Paris but got the worst of the verdicts, had quite a shock when he went in with young Claude Milazzo. The Tunisian made a very clever fight of it, even allowing himself the luxury of dropping the visitor for a brief count in the seventh. Robert Cohen increased his chances of a crack at world honors by outboxing the North American bantam king, Pappy Gault, in easy fashion without being able to kayo the Yank. Idrissa Dione outscored Titi Clavel in a good welter eight and in another welter clash, Rene Weissmann bashed Roger Gade into defeat within two rounds. Eugene D'Alessio was all over André Ogier in a cruiser bout but was ruled out in the third for irregular blows.

Dinan, France.—Louis Perrigault added another success to his growing list by whipping Marcel Livet in a good welter ten.

Gallarate, Italy.—Angelo Idi got the better of Bruno Berardinello in a fast middles six here, whilst at Floridia, Beppe Colasanti was surprisingly halted by the local welter, Mancarella, in the fourth.

Verviers, Belgium.—Lothar Escher avenged a previous defeat by Joseph Horsch and this time the German middle put the local boy on ice in round seven.

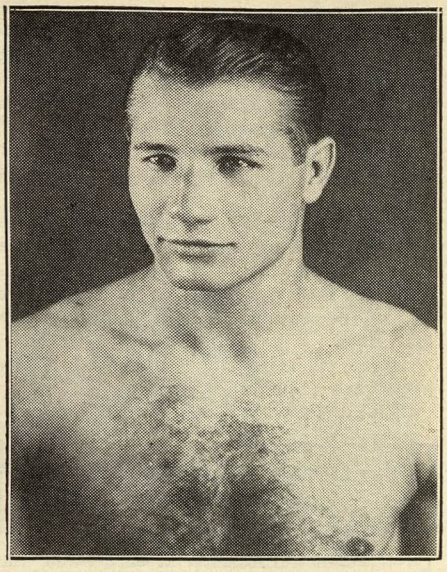
Brussels, Belgium.—At the Palais de St. Sauveur, a large crowd watched the middleweight upset king from Guadeloupe, Serge Barthelemy, get the better of highly-touted Marcel Limage, Belgian cruiser champion, in a good ten-rounder which was declared a draw, thus favoring the native son. Pierre Cossemyns, the Belgian bantam terror, dropped Marcel Mathieu several times before knocking him clean out in the third, whilst Jacques Dumesnil bested plucky Louis Van Hoeck of Belgium and Jacques Lesseine nodded Ray Brousse of France in two good Franco-Belgian featherweight eights.

Berlin.—Hans Stretz was again in a blitzing mood and carved up the best Spanish middleweight, Antonio Soldevilla, in a riproaring fight which went up to the eighth round, when Soldevilla's corner flung in the towel. Franz Szuzina got the edge on Terry Moore, American middle, but a drawn verdict was given after eight rounds. Drawn were the remaining fights: Garbis Zakaryan, the Turkish welter king, against Freddi Teichmann, over six, Karl Ameisbichler, Austrian cruiser, against Willi Besmanhoff over six, Ernst Zetzmann and another American, welter Al Mobley, in six.

Luino, Italy.—Luigi Male could only obtain a draw with cautious Franco Rizzotti in a welter ten here. At Ancona, Aldo Pravisani stopped Guiseppe Arghenini in the third frame of a feathers encounter, and at Rome classy Aristide Dal Piaz scored a good points win over Loreto Vari in a middles eight. At the Principo Theatre in Milan, Felice Gallo won a hard lightweight scrap with Calcaterra in eight rounds, and Giancarlo Garbelli did well to stiffen French lightie, Martin Goma, in the eighth of another fast affair.

Evreux, France.—Robert Guivarch became the new French welter champion when he defeated a fellow-Norman, blond William Thieulin, by a lightning kayo in the fourteenth stanza. Thieulin had a handy points lead at the time. Jean Julien nodded Serge Van Zandt in a welter eight and Serge Ceustermans whipped Bouadjemi Mokhfi in a lightweight affair. Mohamed Messaoudi upset Jean Archambault by winning their lightweight ten.

Chateauroux, France.—Morlay Kamara regained lost territory with a points verdict over Raymond Lemaire in a good lightweight ten. Jean Fabre held Pierre Jablonski to a draw in a welter eight. At St. Omer, Roger Facqueur stopped the Belgian lightweight, Leon Bourlet, in the sixth session. At the Paris Stadium, Jules Bouquet returned to action with a good win over Gino Menozzi in a middles ten, and on the same bill, Jo Dionisio beat Jean-Pierre Alliel in a flyweight eight. Augustin Ussin stopped Henri Goya in the tenth of a welter slam at St. Jean de Luz and André Lefin stopped Pierret in the second heat of a lightweight argument.



Tiberio Mitri, former European middleweight champion, on the comeback trail. Mitri won his first one over Mario Cavoldi in a warmup for things to come.

Civitacastellana, Italy. — Sergio Caprari forced Franco Sisalli to retire in the sixth round of their featherweight slam here, and in Turin, Letterio Petilli whipped Teresio Cavagna in a feathers eight.

Bastia, Corsica.—Silvio Roteglia flattened Ben Ali in the fourth of their lightweight larrup here.

Rotterdam, Holland.—At the Rivierahall, Charles (Bimbo) Kieffer was ruled out in the fifth session of his slugging-bee with blond Jan De Bruin, and the likely Piet Van Klaveren, kid brother of Bep, easily whipped Marcel Di Biase over six rounds.

Paris.—At the Central, André Mauguin, southpaw welter puncher, was too awkward an opponent for Beaumais, whom he beat on points in ten rounds. André Meraint knocked out Georges Barrier in the third frame of a lightweight duel.

Paris.—Pierre Carrara headlined at the Salle Wagram against the new featherweight star, Lucien Meraint, and these two clouters of repute indulged in ten hard rounds, at the end of which the cleverest, Carrara, was declared winner. Hilaire Pratesi, brilliant as ever, stopped Marcel Cournut in the eighth and last round of a good bantam affair, and Paolo Melis was robbed of a safe points victory over Jean Ruellet when the latter opened a cut on the Sardinian's eye which caused the bout to be halted in the sixth.

Barcelona, Spain.—Luis Romero gained revenge for a previous defeat by gaining the decision over Jose Galiana, Catalan feathers king, in ten heats. Kim Navarro trimmed Orag II in a bantam eight and another bantam, Cardenas, kayoed Albadeleho in five.

Essen, Germany.—Karl-Heinz Buecher rid himself of Horst Kemena in the opening frame of their middleweight encounter, whilst Leo Starosch was again in evidence and stopped another middle, Helmut Werfel, in the sixth. Brendemuehl, new heavyweight threat, trounced Rudi Oremek over four rounds, and Emil Koch drubbed Birk in a welter four. Willi Gelhaar and Willi Lauter drew in a lightweight six.

St. Nazaire, France.—Charles Colin suffered his second defeat as a pro when he was quite outboxed and outfoxed by the wily Londoner, Albert Finch, in a rather one-sided ten rounder. Finch could not hurt the French cruiser but showed up the youngster's rawness. At Chateauroux, Hubert Oberon outscored the Spanish middle, Kid Gameiro, over ten rounds, and at Tourcoing, Georges Mousse won over the local bantam, Lamotte.

Civitavecchia, Italy.—Tiberio Mitri made yet another pugilistic beginning here when he defeated strong Mario Savoldi in a middles ten which had Mitri dictating all the way.

Paris.—At the Stadium, Jacques Bro was way behind on points but succeeded in closing both the eyes of the Spanish cruiser, Juan Mencia, and thus causing the latter to retire in the eighth. Louis Perrigault debuted successfully in La Villa Lumière by stopping Robert Masliah in the sixth of a welter clash.

Lausanne, Switzerland.—Marcel Creteur gave a nifty manhandling to the Italian welter, Orfeo Meneghini, and won easily over ten rounds.

Wuerzburg, Germany.—Rudi Langer finally became the official German feathers champ by whipping Karl Pinsdorf over twelve rounds for the vacant crown. Langer is also bantam king of Germany. Hans Schomig was unlucky not to get more than a draw in his fight with the Italian feather, Guido Belotti, over six rounds, and Willibald Koch decisioned Herman Lewandowski in a good bantam struggle over eight rounds. In two light-heavy slams, Hans Strelecki knocked out Mario Scandelli of Italy in three and Theo Baumjohann flattened Hans Motzelt in four.

La Spezia, Italy.—For hitting low in the second round, Aldo Pellegrini was disqualified in his heavyweight clash with Germany's Bobby Warmbrunn. In a sparkling lightweight bout, Bruno Visintin scored over Silvio Roteglia in eight rounds and Walter Cozzani bested Giovanni Paini in a lightie six.

Bologna, Italy.—Franco Cavicchi, the Bull of Emilia, drew with Hans Friedrichs of Germany in an eight-round heavy contest marred by too many obstructions and clinches. Karl-Heinz Bick, German lightweight, got the better of Walter Sarti in six rounds and a Turkish welter, Ziyaris Taki, was whipped in a good eight-rounder by tough, aggressive, Duilio Bianchini.

Paris.—At the Central, René Bolivia somehow got the verdict over Frank Hermal after the latter had dominated most of the ten rounds of this lightweight brawl.

Bordeaux, France.—A Franco-Belgian program drew a large crowd here. Joseph Janssens drew with Emmanuel Fernandez in ten and Edouard Ptak stopped Scherens in the second, both lightweight bouts, and Arthur Emboulé whipped Alex Vandamme in a bantam six. Cabrero nodded Dubreuil in a middles eight and Richaud halted Béolet in the fifth round of a feathers fray.

At Cannes.—Jacques Strocchio chilled the Spanish light-heavy, Jesus Ortugar, in eight frames.

IN AUSTRIA

By Leo Vollnhofer

ON March 20, in Berlin, on the night of the Gerhard Hecht vs. Albert Finch go light-heavyweight Karl Ameisbichler outpointed Bruno Junkuhn in six rounds.

At Barcelona, Spain, on March 21, Alfons Kubes, Austrian middleweight, was outpointed by the Spanish light-heavyweight, Martinez, in eight rounds.

At Barcelona, Spain, on March 21, Alfons Ziyiaris of Turkey beat Etcheverria, Spanish welter king, in eight. Santa Eulalia, former Spanish heavy king, stopped Herbert Waniak of Austria in five. Vert Simek of Austria was stopped by Santin of Spain in two. They are feathers.

On March 31, at Palma de Mallorca, Spanish Balears Islands, Herbert Waniak, Austrian heavyweight, was knocked out by Bantista Navarro of Spain in two. Alfons Kubes, Austrian middleweight, was halted by Correa, Spain, in five. Spanish lightweight Albaladejo knocked out Bert Simek of Austria in four. Taki Ziyiaris of Turkey won from Mir, champion of the Balears Islands, 8 rds.

COLORADO'S CLOUTERS

By Herb Allen

THREE Colorado boxers managed to come through with sparkling wins in out-of-state matches. Jesse Mongia, popular Denver bantam, scored a ten-round decision over Baby Face Guttierrez and a four-round KO over Kenney Teran at Hollywood. Santiago Esteban, Pueblo 135-pounder, avenged his only professional defeat by taking a ten-rounder over Doug Kirby in San Francisco. Corky Gonzales, Denver's sixth ranking featherweight, won and lost in New York rings. Corky outpointed Gene Smith in ten, but lost to Lulu Perez three weeks later.

Jimmy Taylor, former Colorado welter, has opened a gym here and has Pauline Smith, 132, in tow. Smith looks as if he could develop into something, if brought along right.

Jasper Colson, 175, and Freddie Garcia, 140, are still under the expert guidance of Joe Garcia, and are ready, willing, and able for action. They can be booked through your writer.

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tion, his favorites being poems by Kipling and Poe.

This five-foot-nine-inch belter is under the management of Frankie Gerrard, who was a good featherweight of a decade ago.

Garth Panter

A BULL-shouldered young farmer, Garth Panter from Salt Lake City, Utah, won the hearts of New York fans when he lost a split decision to Tuzo Portuguez, the Central American middleweight champion, in a thrilling bout at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Making his first appearance in the big time he won approval with his two-fisted punching and aggressive tactics.

Popularity is nothing new to this modest, soft-spoken boy with the crew cut, who was born in Preston, Idaho, July 28, 1930. His father, Ken Panter, was a tough light-heavyweight during the twenties and his older brother Dale is a promising heavyweight, temporarily sidelined by an injury.

Garth's early childhood was spent in Mound Valley. Later the family moved to Dayton, Idaho, where Garth won letters in football, basketball and boxing at West Side High. In his senior year he won the state scholastic welterweight championship. He joined the army in 1948 and was with the field artillery stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington for 18 months before the illness of his dad caused his release to help out on the farm.

It was soon afterwards in December of 1949 that he launched his pro career. Panter has lost only 10 of 60 fights against the cream of the middleweight class, scoring 35 knockouts. Some of the men he has defeated are Joe Arthur, Earl Turner, Charlie Cato, Bobby King, Bull Halsey, Paul Perkins, Anton Raadik and Jack Snapp.

Married for six years, Garth and his pretty wife, Waneta, have three children, Douglas 5, Christine 3, and Brent 1.

Managed by Pete Giacoma, Panter is one of the better fighters to come out of the Northwest.

Danny Giovanelli

A TALL lean welterweight following in the footsteps of his uncle, Patsy Giovanelli, is Danny Giovanelli. Danny, who was born in Dodgerville (Brooklyn to the unfaithful), May 25, 1932, is one of five children and showed no interest in boxing as a youngster although he was a staunch rooter for his uncle. It was not until his brother Patsy took a fling at leather pushing that Danny, then a student at George Westinghouse Vocation High, started to get the itch.

Danny won seven of nine amateur scraps while Patsy was unbeaten in six pro bouts. However, while Patsy soon tired of boxing and gave it up, Danny turned pro in October of 1951. He has won 19 of his 21 bouts, nine by knockouts. He boasts wins over Don Braun, Gene Tackach, Eddie Oliver, Jackie O'Brien, Phil Morizio, Henry Winchman, and Claude Hammond among others.

His win over Danny Joe Perez whom he stopped before a nation-wide TV audience halted an unbeaten streak for Perez, and put Giovanelli in the spotlight.

Showing steady improvement with each fight Danny is a throw back to the old time fighter who stressed condition. He is a deadly body puncher, one of the few young fighters to revive this lost art.

Danny is studying fur designing in his spare time.

His manager is Lippy Breidbart.

FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By Homer Amundsen

SGT. PAT McMURTY recently won the All-Marine light-heavyweight championship in the All-Marine tourney at Cherry Point, N. C. In addition, the new "Fighting Marine" won a trophy as the best boxer in the big five-day stand, and was tabbed a sure winner to cop the All-Service diadem had not Pat injured his right hand in winning handily over Jess Barber, 1952 All-Navy champion and 1952 Los Angeles Golden Gloves King.

Paavo Ketonen, Seattle-Tacoma boxing and wrestling promoter is planning a busy Spring at his Seattle Club.

Mel Epstein, former Seattle fight matchmaker, and well known around the State of Washington, has been staging some dandy scraps for the American Legion, Butte, Montana.

Tacoma is still dark anent professional boxing. When pro boxing picks up again in this Puget Sound City, is anyone's guess.

Dick Reed recently arrived home from Germany where he was stationed in the Army for two years. Cpl. Reed compiled a record of twenty-three victories out of twenty-five contests in the 156-pound class.

Capt. Dick Francisco, U. S. Marines, was a busy young man during the month of April. The captain, a fine amateur and service boxing coach, flew to Boston to be behind some of his amateur stars, then from the National AAU event, flew to Cherry Point, N. C., to direct his Marine boxers in the All-Marine championships. Capt. Francisco's home is in Seattle, Wash.

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IN INDIANA RINGS
By Tony Coppi

BOXING has returned to Indiana in two Hoosier cities, Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne. Fights in the state capital are being promoted by the Hoosier Athletic Club with Al Farb at the helm and in Ft. Wayne by the Ft. Wayne Athletic Association, Bruff Cleary of that city and Sid Goldberg of Toledo as promoters.

Luther Rawlings, of Chicago, now campaigning as a welterweight, stopped Andy (Candy) Anderson, Indianapolis, in five rounds in Indianapolis. This was the first fight card in eleven months in this city. Rawlings, 147¾, scored a TKO over Anderson after Referee Dick Patton halted the bout.

Johnny Thomas, 126, Indianapolis, won by a TKO over Eddie Cooper, 122, Louisville, when Cooper caught a right to the jaw, went down and twisted his knee—three rounds. Sherwin Williams, 151, Louisville, lost by TKO at 15 seconds of the third round to Kirk Johnson, 155, Indianapolis. Jim Smith, 155, Indianapolis, won by TKO over Al Horton, 157, Louisville, in the second round.

Ambrose Rascher, of Cedar Lake, Ind., has been appointed to the State Athletic Commission by Governor Craig. Other members are Dick Pride of Evansville and Arch Hindman, Hagerstown, chairman.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

CHICAGO.—Irish Billy Wagner, 132, Greenfield, Pa., fighting his usual clever style, punched out a one-sided decision in eight rounds over Bobby Singleton, 133, South Bend, Ind., in the featured bout at Rainbo Arena. Wagner looked very impressive. Singleton was much too slow on the draw, but did connect with a solid right dropping the Irish boy for a nine count.

Jerry Naples, 150, Chicago, won a thriller in four heats over Dick August, 150, Chicago. Ralph Cervantes, 135, Rockford, beat Don Owens, 136, Chicago, in five fast rounds. Gil Slater, 114, Chicago, won over Ray Flippen, 118, Chicago, in a four-round affair. Eddie Simm, 155, scored a two-round knockout over Al Horton, 158, Louisville.

Ted Ordanik, popular Fairborn, Ohio, business man, has taken over the management of Davey Moore, former National A.A.U. bantamweight champion and 1952 Olympic champion. Yours truly will assist in the business for the boy. To date, offers from all parts of the country have poured in for the boy's services. Moore was the rage of the Olympics in Helsinki, Finland, winning all his bouts with ease.

Eddie Gonzales, Chicago featherweight, became the proud father of a seven pound baby boy this month. Gonzales passed out cigars for one solid week to the fight crowds. Says Eddie now, "Watch me win all my fights from now on, I'll do it for Eddie, Jr."

Chicago.—Improving with each start of late, Norman Webb, 145, Chicago, scored a sensational three-round knockout over Guiseppi Sabatini, 147, Rome, Italy, in Promoter Irv Schoenwald's Rainbo Arena.

Gil Slater, 116, Chicago, got off the deck in the first round to win a four-round decision over Ray Flippen, 119, Chicago. Bobby Jarvis, 148, Chicago, won a close duke in six rounds over Johnny Brown, 150, Chicago. Chuck Syers, 185, Wichita, Kan., beat Bobby Yore, 179, Chicago, in five hard-fought rounds. Bennie Thomas, Chicago heavyweight, outpointed Ted Alexander, also from Chicago, in the four-round opener.

Bill Durham, heavyweight from Michigan City, Ind., has signed a five-year contract with Walter Spritz, and yours truly. Durham has had 68 amateur bouts, winning 63.

Chicago.—Punching with authority for the full eight rounds brought Chester Mieszala, 160, Chicago, a clean-cut decision over Jimmy (Red) Elby, 163, Toledo, in the main event at Rinbo Arena. Mieszala was too tough for his red-headed foe who fought hard every round, stinging Mieszala several times midway in the bout.

Andrew Godwin, 165, Chicago, won a close sixer from Leroy Miller, 167, Chicago. Tommy Swan, 155, South Side, knocked out Johnny Evans, 153, Chicago, in the third round. Kenny Lane, 149, Grand Rapids, stopped Bob Henry, 148, Chicago, in the third round. Jerry Naples, 150, Chicago, knocked out Myron Stewart, 152, Chicago, in the second round.

Terry Book, Milwaukee, 126 pounder, now under the management of Nick Kramer, has been looking good since turning professional. Book can be booked through your writer.

Chicago.—Climbing the ladder of success seems destined for Bobby Boyd, Chicago middleweight. In an eight-round feature at Rainbo Arena, Boyd, 160, scored another knockout, this time over Pennington Brown, 159, St. Louis, in the fourth round.

Jimmy Lunn, 152, Chicago, knocked out Johnny Mitchell, 151, Chicago, in the third round. Terry Book, 126, Milwaukee, outboxed and outpunched Ray Flippen, 127, Chicago, in four fast rounds. Wilbur Robinson, 132, Chicago, won over a tired veteran, Bunny Berrigan, 132, Milwaukee, in four rounds. Dave Ragas, Milwaukee heavyweight, and Chuck Syers, Wichita, Kan., went four tough rounds to a standstill.

From the Mail Pouch.—To Stoney Jackson: Keep up the good work, you can't miss. To R. S. of Memphis: THE RING is the only bible of boxing, don't let anyone kid you. Nat Fleisher has always been the editor and publisher. To Sammy Rosenberg: Yes, you did beat Johnny Hill, and I can prove this as I witnessed the bout. To all fans: If you want replies, kindly enclose a stamped envelope.

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U. S. TITLE REVIVAL

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in the old Garden, on March 1, 1923.

Genaro didn't approach Villa for color and crowd appeal but he was so exceptional a boxer, the American championship gained prestige through the extraordinary ability of both Villa and Genaro.

By 1923 the aging Wilde was well over the hill when he finally decided to venture forth from his native England to meet the American champion. This should have been Genaro, but then as now, gate appeal often superseded logical contendership, so Villa, a better box office bet, was tapped by the promoters as Wilde's foe, in a world title fight.

Wilde entered the ring with courage but little else remaining of his once magnificent ring repertoire, and provided feeble opposition for the buzz-saw battler from the far away Islands. He was stopped in seven rounds by Villa in New York on June 18, 1923, but his never-say-die spirit made a great impression on the American spectators who favor fighters who carry on however hopeless the cause.

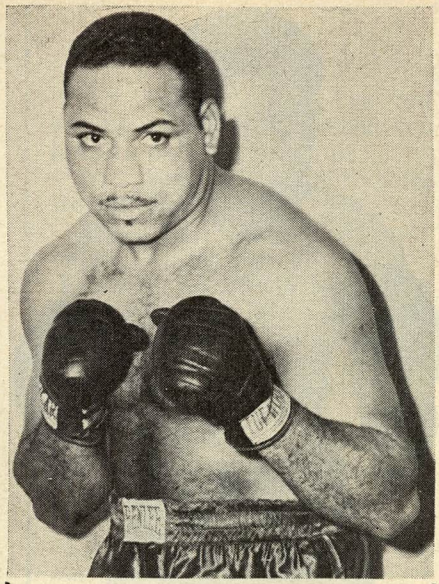
THIS made Villa the world's titleholder, but since Genaro the American champion, had beat him twice, Frankie's U. S. crown was not immediately tossed into the discard as Tunney's had been after McTigue returned to America with the world's title.

The "American flyweight title" hung on persistently, being given a new lease on life when Villa passed on a year later and Genaro emerged as the obvious successor. Genaro was generally accepted as the rightful world titlist although there were some mutterings of discontent overseas. Fidel LaBarba beat Genaro on August 22, 1925, and when he stopped British titleholder Elky Clark two years later, his rights as world champion were undisputed.

LaBarba gave up his title to go back to college and the 112-pound class was caught in a swirl of confusion that resulted in champions cropping up right and left. The "American Championship" was not revived in the general chaos that prevailed. The whole tangle wasn't really unravelled until 1937, a decade later, when Benny Lynch beat Small Montana to finally gain unanimous acceptance as world kingpin.

SINCE the days of Tunney and Genaro, mixups among championship claimants have been many but seldom have the fighters involved bothered about declaring themselves American champions. During the time of the continual conflict between the National Boxing Association and the New York State Athletic Commission, fighters have often been tapped as "world champions" by one or the other of the two bodies, by-passing the often valid contentions of overseas fighters.

Technically, during Marcel Thil's long stretch as Europe's middleweight strong boy, all the numerous American "world champions" of the period, such as Brouillard, Apostoli, Jeby, Gorilla Jones, Vince Dundee, etc., were actually no more than American champions, and should have been pegged as such. All of these, backed by either one or the other of the two biggest boxing bodies, spurned the national affiliation in favor of the pretentious but unwarranted "world" listing.



BILL GILLIAM

Aggressive Orange, N. J., heavyweight, who has met the best in his class defeating Bob Baker, Jimmy Walker, Willie Bean, Nino Valdes, Omelio Agramonte and Rocky Jones. Bill lost close decisions to Ezzard Charles, Gene Jones, Harold Johnson, and Bob Baker thrice. This 28 year old six foot two 210 pound belter is a real crowd pleaser, managed by Moses Maybin.

THE situation as it shapes up today is a lot different. Nobody on this side of the water is boosting either Young or Olson as a world titleholder, as was the case in days gone by when the NBA and the New York Commission vied with each other in turning out synthetic world champions.

The winner of this one will be the American champion, and it is a prize not to be taken lightly since there will be no world's champion recognized in the States until a European has met the U. S. champion.

No one knows how available the Turpin-Humez winner will be for a genuine world title bout since the British Board of Boxing Control and Promoter Jack Solomon, no small factor in the set-up, insist that the winner of the Coronation bout should be declared world's champion.

AS for the Olson-Young fight itself, the victor should be a worthy standard bearer for Uncle Sam against the overseas survivor. Rated off recent performance, Olson shapes up as a hard man to beat. The hybrid Hawaiian, in whose veins flows the blood of many different racial strains, is rated by none other than former champion Ray Robinson as the class of the field.

"He is the fastest man I've fought in a long time", admits the Sugar Baby turned actor. In the past five years Olson's only losses have been at the hands of the late Dave Sands and Sugar Ray, the best in the business at the time. He has raced through all other opposition since 1948. At first he was reluctant to face any other U. S. fighter for American rights to the crown but since then he has reconsidered and will meet Young.

As capable as Olson seems to be, Paddy Young, the gritty Greenwich Villager, should afford the Islander some stiff competition. It is a strange coincidence that Young, who lived most of his life on Perry St., the street on which Tunney was born and spent his boyhood, should find himself engaging in a bout involving an American championship, since it was a U. S. title which started Tunney on his way to fame and fortune.

Young has the ruggedness and competitive fire to cause history to repeat, and thereby become the second Greenwich Villager to make the American championship a stepping stone to success.

At any rate a U. S. title, long dormant in boxing, is a live issue again after 30 years.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

By Wilf Garforth

JOHNNY ARTHUR, 222, successfully defended his recently acquired national heavyweight title against Lou Strydom whom he won it a short time ago. Arthur retained the title by forcing Strydom to retire at the end of the tenth round of a match set down for twelve rounds.

The fight produced ten rounds of gruelling fighting and Strydom, his eyes, nose and mouth streaming blood, indicated to his seconds that he could not continue.

The pace was fast for big men and in the fifth Strydom staggered Arthur with good, well-timed right-hand punching. Arthur retaliated and again drew blood from the challenger's nose as the round ended.

In the seventh session Strydom dropped Arthur but he was up immediately and managed to shake off the effects of the right-hand punch, but Strydom forced him into a corner and meted out some heavy punishment.

But this was Strydom's last effort. Arthur did some good infighting in the eighth and Strydom could not keep him off. Both of the challenger's eyes were bleeding and the referee stopped the fight to examine them. He allowed the fight to continue and the champion made a target of his opponent's eyes. Arthur hammered Strydom in the ninth and drew blood again. In the tenth round the referee again examined Strydom's eyes and again allowed the fight to go on. The round ended with Arthur well on top and it was at the end of the interval that Strydom indicated that he could not continue.

The fight took place at Kroonstad in the Northern Free State and was seen by 5,000 spectators.

Chris van Rooyen, 148, beat Buster Perry, 145¾, on points. Dave Stephenson, 160, beat Johnny McCoy, 159, on points. Johnny can Rensburg, 134, beat Karl Brandt, 134½, who retired at the end of the second round. Dries Niemann, 178, beat Mike Oberholzer, 178, on points.

Johannesburg. The White City Sporting Club has made a start with fortnightly tournaments in an effort to give boxers more work and to bring along some of the younger boys. The first show was staged at Mike Friedman's Gymnasium and some good hard fighting was witnessed.

Benny Eis, 135½, beat Monty van Niekerk, 128¾, on points in six rounds. Stoffel du Plessis, 160, knocked out Jan Scheepers, 163, in the third round. Fred du Meyer, 144, beat Chris Jansen, 144, who was disqualified for hitting low in the fourth round. Benny Nieuwenhuizen, 140, beat Joe Comacho, 144, on a TKO in the third round. Donn Riggs, 147, beat Buster Perry, 147, on points in four rounds.

"UN" OF BOXING RULES SPORT

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voted unanimously to call the fight a European championship bout.

Gremeaux had no other alternative but to excuse himself for the embarrassment he had caused the British. He declared that he must cast his vote against them. That action was responsible for the turn of the tide with all votes, except Great Britain's, going against Solomons.

Fane declared that since Turpin is already the European champion there was no need for seeking a European titleholder to face the winner of the Bobo Olson-Paddy Young fight and that this action would not alter the British stand that the fight is a world championship affair. He said that it was scheduled for the championship distance of fifteen rounds, that tickets had been printed and that the public was told it would be for the vacant crown, hence there could be no change so far as his body was concerned.

CHRISTENBERRY reminded the delegation that differences of opinion over world championships are not exactly new. "We have had them plenty in the past but we don't expect to have any more in the future if the nations where boxing is held will offer their whole-hearted cooperation to the newly organized International Committee."

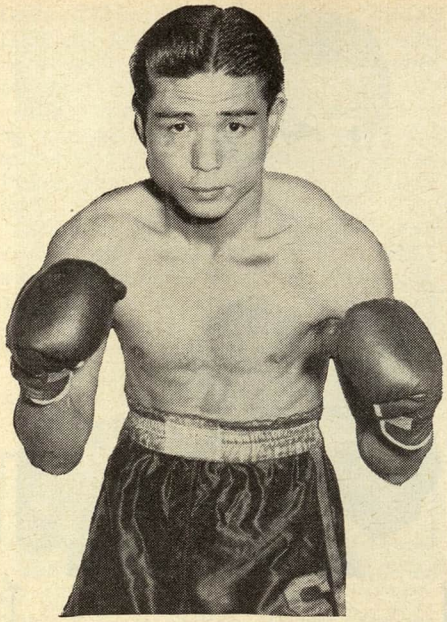
He declared that Solomons had assumed the prerogative of making title decisions and labeled the fight between Turpin and Humez as being for the world championship, but that such prerogative remained only in the hands of those who govern boxing, not a promoter. "There must be an elimination, we in America feel and I'm sure you feel the same way about it."

That statement of Christenberry went a long way toward producing accord. The convention ruled that henceforth such decisions rest wholly in the hands of the world governing body.

He told the convention that the Olson-Young winner would agree to face the European winner and that under these arrangements a successor to Robinson will be obtained before the Fall.

Christenberry was delighted at the agreement to ban return-clause contracts in championship fights, though he and Fane agreed that this did not mean that a champion who loses his title won't get a chance to regain it. They each told the delegates that whenever a losing titleholder proved that he still ranks the outstanding challenger, there would be no reason why he should not be named as such by the International Committee. "But," said Fane, "this will be wholly up to our committee to decide and not the promoter or the manager. It will be our work, not theirs in the future."

One of the members pointed out, after the conference, that the newly organized world committee would be a thorn in the side of the International Boxing Guild in that it's grip will be such that it will be difficult for the I.B.G. to continue to use the tactics of which clubs, fighters, managers and commissions have been complaining in the past few months.



YOSHIO SHIRAI, WORLD FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION, RETAINS TITLE

TOKYO (Special to The Ring)—Yoshio Shirai, of Japan, holder of the world flyweight title came from behind to narrowly outpoint challenger Tanny Campo, of Manila, in a championship contest over fifteen rounds at the outdoor arena in Korakuen Stadium before a gathering of 35,000.

The referee and two judges gave the fight to Shirai but the cards were close. Campo forced the fighting most of the way, until the final three rounds. The long reaching Japanese shook up Campo in the third, tenth, and fourteenth and smothered him in the final round. The challenger, a lighter hitter, nevertheless attacked often, pounding Shirai's midriff and then tying him up.

They both weighed 112 lbs. It was Shirai's second defense of the crown he won from Dado Marino a year ago.

THE world committee and the middleweight muddle were the only two world boxing problems that received much attention, although the cases of Johnny Sullivan, of England, and Ray Wilding were taken up. In the former, Mr. Christenberry read to the Federation the names of fighters who had been turned down by Sullivan's manager as proper opponents for the Britisher who is now being touted in England as a contender and leading challenger for Turpin's British title. Fighting Bob requested that the British Board withdraw its charge that Sullivan had been discriminated against and upon the proof offered by New York in statements from the International Boxing Club and its leading rival, the Eastern Parkway organization, the British accepted the statement with the declaration that Sullivan had a fair chance and refused it.

In Wilding's case, Christenberry said that although Ray was under suspension by the British, at his request he was examined four times by seven doctors and each found nothing wrong with him physically. He pointed out also that pending a complete medical report from the British Board, the New York Commission had not given him a license to resume boxing in the States, but that such was granted to him by the Massachusetts Board.

Dr. Mal Stevens of New York, head of the Medical Advisory Board, who attended the convention, told the members that no matter how favorable the New York report was, his board would never grant a license to anyone suspended by any other state or country for physical reasons unless such suspension was lifted by the state or country first. It was therefore decided that Wilding cannot box in America and this ruling will be upheld when the new International Committee has its first session.

CHRISTENBERRY announced that he would have a meeting with the N.B.A. officials for confirmation of the work accomplished at the convention and will fly back to London to hold the first "U.N." meeting, at which time rules and regulations will be adopted and Mr. Rabret will be chosen the Secretary-General. Fighting Bob and his colleagues mean business and they intend to see that promoters and boxers, as well as commissions, work harmoniously toward the betterment of world boxing.

It is by far the greatest step made for international boxing in many years. It, in my opinion, sets up a new era in boxing.

It will be difficult for any promoter to seek the aid of any one commission in American to stage a fight that is not sanctioned by others. Such state would soon find itself outside looking in so far as boxing is concerned, because an international ban would be placed by the International Committee on all boxers taking part in contests in such state.

It will give plenty of food for thought to promoters and unscrupulous managers who in the past have had things their own way.

Fane said: "Championships belong to the people and as such, this world committee, which will represent the people of all nations that have boxing, will control such titles. We will say who shall be accepted as a challenger. There will be no more soft touches. We shall give a champion six months to defend his crown after he has won it, or six months from the time he last defended the title, to get into another championship fight. If an emergency arises that necessitates a delay, our committee will act accordingly. But there'll be no subterfuges hereafter.

The nations whose delegates attended the conference were, Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Greece, Austria, Portugal, Luxembourg, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Saar and Turkey, with Christenberry acting on behalf of the entire United States, as its official ambassador to the Paris meeting. As in the past, *The Ring* Editor attended as an honorary member of the E.B.U.

MICHIGAN FISTIC HEADLINES

By Jack Waina

MAKING his first start since his set-back at the hands of welterweight champion Kid Gavilan, popular Chuck Davey, 151, Detroit, easily scored a ten-round TKO over a crude but willing Sammy Giuliani, 158, Stamford, Conn., at the Olympia Stadium, before 6,038 fans who paid $15,128.50 to see the I.B.C. promotion.

It was apparent from the start that Giuliani's only chance for victory would have to come from one of his wild roundhouse swings. But the clever moving Davey never gave his phlegmatic opponent a chance, simply by outpunching him by a decisive margin and never giving Giuliani a chance to get set. Chuck kept a right hand in Sammy's face all the way and when crossed with a left to the solar plexus in the later rounds, had his opponent gasping for air.

Giuliani made it interesting and during the third and fourth rounds he cut Chuck's right eye under the lid and appeared to stagger Davey on several occasions.

For their efforts Davey received $5,500, while Giuliani's end was $4,500.

The supporting card consisted of all six rounders: Chuck Spieser, 175, Detroit, experienced little trouble in winning from Murray Burnett, 176, Chicago, while Jed Black, 147¾, East Lansing, stopped an inept Mike Kelly, 147¾, Houston, Tex., in the first after three knockdowns.

Moses Ward, 159¾, Detroit, was too rugged for a game Clarence Hinnant, 162, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Tommy Matthews, 146½, Detroit, outboxed Johnny Brown, 143, Chicago.

Arthur Wright, 175, Detroit, gave a good account of himself despite losing to the cagey and more seasoned Gordon Wallace, 168½, Brandford, Ont., over the ten-round distance at the Saginaw Auditorium.

Wallace, aware of Wright's punching prowess, took no chances and was content to box his younger opponent in his attempt to avoid an upset. The longer distance told on Wright as Wallace's better finish put the bout on ice.

In a six-round semi-final bout, Tommy Leedle, 159½, Detroit, had a rough time in decisioning Lou Barry, 163, Detroit, who was dangerous all the way. Benny Jackson, 175, Detroit, a recent importation from Jacksonville, Fla., battered Chuck Simmons, 175, Detroit, around the ring with an assortment of punches before the knockout at 2:14 of the third.

Bouts over the four-round distance found: Al Mason, 180, Saginaw, besting Jim Dooley, 176, Detroit; Don Grinton, 129½, Brandford, Ont., won from Walter Dykes, 130, Detroit; and Frank August, 150, Pontiac, outpunched Tom Hendrick, 151½, Detroit.

RING'S ninth ranking light-heavy, Wes Bascom, 173¾, St. Louis, Mo., was held to a surprise draw by unorthodox Gordon Wallace, 167½, Brandford, Ont., in the eight-round feature at the MCA.

Bascom started out well having Wallace hurt and in considerable trouble during the early rounds. The ranking contender appeared content to loaf thereafter as the Canadian made an eye catching finish.

Hammering Henry Hank, 157¾, Detroit, battered Bob Wilson, 165½, Toledo Golden Glove champion, into a helpless condition at 2:32 of the third round. Billy Mayo, 193, Buffalo, N. Y., stopped huge Al Hunter, 212¾, Detroit, in 45 seconds of the fourth round, and Nelson Foreman, 123¾, Detroit, shaded Mickey Mars, 127½, Cleveland, in a four.

Popular Detroiter Chuck Spieser, 174, handed out a plastering to Billy Fifield, 170, Toronto, Ont., before referee Herman Spinelli halted the contest at 46 seconds of the seventh round when the Toronto battler was reeling around the ring helplessly.

Tommy Leedle, 158½, Detroit, TKO'd Elmer Haskill, 155¼, Toronto, in the fourth. Jed Black, 149½, East Lansing, flattened Bill Partin, 155¾, Detroit, with ease in the second. Billy Sidney, 147, Toronto, iced Wendell Delorma, 149, Toledo, in the second, and Detroiter's Frank O'Neal, 135, and John Valentine, 135, went to a draw for the second straight time.

Only a sparse gathering was on hand at the Grand Rapids Stadium as Sammy Rodgers, Benton Harbor lightweight, won a split decision over veteran Detroiter Jesse Underwood in the ten-round feature attraction.

All four rounders: Henri LaVardo, Grand Rapids welter, beat Jimmy Powell, of Kalamazoo; Ernie Mosely, Benton Harbor welter, KO'd Eugene Sobolewski, Grand Rapids, in two; Ken Lane, Muskegon, lightweight, won over Clinton McDade, Benton Harbor; Johnny McGlendon, Grand Rapids middleweight, defeated Tony Younger, Kalamazoo; and Doyle Hirt, Grand Rapids welter, beat his fellow townsman Johnny Shannessey, evening an old score.

Chicago's Al Andrews, 153, was awarded a deserving split decision over Pat Manzi, 148¾, Syracuse, N. Y., in a closely contested eight rounder at the MCA. Andrews boxed well giving Manzi little chance to work in close where the New Yorker is at his best.

Jed Black, 148, East Lansing, nodded Herb Jackson, 150, Akron, in a six. In a pair of four rounders, John Valentine, 135¾, Detroit, barely edged out Frank O'Neal, 137½, Detroit, in another one of their good battles, and Kenny Lane, 135½, Muskegon, defeated Jimmy Demura, 134½, Syracuse.

Michigan AAU champions for "53" were: Heavyweight, Lou Graff, of Detroit; 178 lbs., Willie McClendon, Detroit; 165 lbs., Wendell Green, Detroit; 156 lbs., Nate Ellison, Detroit; 147 lbs., James Williams, Detroit; 139 lbs., Mickey Crawford, Flint; 132 lbs., Ted Wright, Detroit; 125 lbs., Gleason Leeper, Detroit; 119 lbs., Pete Armstrong, Flint; and 112 lbs., Joe Willie Demyer.

Evening an old score, Chuck Spieser, 174½, Detroit, was awarded a TKO over Frank Favaro, 173, Akron, in the third round at the MCA. Favaro was dropped for an eight count and upon arising was in no shape to continue.

Jed Black, 147, East Lansing, easily defeated fading Ken Hohner, 144, Ont., in five rounds; Frank DeGazio, 182, Niagara Falls, Ont., barely edged Willie Wilkerson, 180, Detroit, in four; Larue Harvey, 160, Detroit, TKO'd Bob Gordon, 154, Akron, at 2:15, of the fourth; and Frank August, 149, Pontiac, was awarded a two-round TKO over Chuck Gordon, 144, Detroit.

A questionable knockdown in the seventh round cost Al Andrews, 153, Chicago, another victory over Pat Manzi, 147, Syracuse, N. Y., in their eight-round rematch at the MCA. Andrews was caught off balance and sent down by Manzi with a combination of a punch and push, which referee Morrie Sherman called a knockdown. As a result, Manzi was awarded a very unpopular split decision.

Sleek George Powell, 183, Detroit, made it three straight over Toxie Hall, 195, Chicago, in the eight-round co-feature. The decision was unanimous.

Tommy Leedle, 156, Detroit, stopped Calvin Simmons, 149, Inkster, in the opening stanza. In a couple of fours, Kenny Lane, 137, Muskegon, made it two straight over Jimmy Demura, 134, Syracuse, N. Y., and Billy Sidney, 147, Toronto, Ont., bested Frank August, 147, Pontiac.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES—Frankie Loftis, heavyweight, Johnny Summerlin, serving for Uncle Sam's Army in Japan, is eagerly awaiting the time he'll be able to return to the active ring-combat again. Johnny is the boxing instructor for his unit.

Little Willie Dominguez once again is out of Ford Hospital, recovering from surgery which removed a cataract from his right eye. Earlier a similar operation had proved successful for Willie's left eye. . . . Fred Martin's Arena Gardens, scene of many fistic promotions over the past 30 years, has been torn down to make way for an expressway to come through that sector of Woodward Avenue. Champions Joe Louis, Benny Leonard and Harry Greb all performed at the Arena. . . . The best way to assure yourself of a copy of RING Magazine and pronto, is by subscription.

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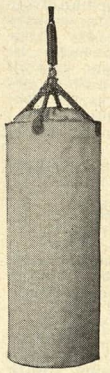

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RING NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND

By Brian F O'Brien

BIGGEST lift New Zealand boxing has recevied this year came in the shape of Aucklander Jackie Hughes' five-round knockout of Al Smith, Australia's sixth-ranked middleweight. A former Lancashireman from England, Hughes has been in this country for seven years, but has done very little fighting. In Dunedin two years back, he scored good wins over Clem Sands, one of Australia's best-known fighting families, and Billy Gleeson, another ranking Aussie. But it was not until the past few months that Hughes, now domiciled in Auckland, really showed his true capabilities.

In his first comeback fight, Jackie outscored the former welterweight champion, Noel Fitzwater (Patea), and confirmed his claim to top position among middleweight challengers by flooring Smith for the long count, despite the fact that he conceded 6½ pounds. It was a damaging left hook which first sent Smith back on his heels, and a two-handed barrage to head and body completed the demolition.

In a most promising professional debut, 18-year-old Johnny Hanks (Auckland), national amateur bantam champion in 1952, outpointed more experienced, older Morrie O'Sullivan (Auckland) in the boys' home town. Both scaled 126 pounds.

Heavy-hitting Maori welter, Tommy Rudolph, knocked out the Australian, Joe Clarke, in eight rounds at Hastings.

Only seven days after his blistering affair with lightweight champion Frank Wilson, former champion Sid Stevens (Hastings) entered the ring with the classy Australian visitor, Bluey Wilkins, at Auckland and was easy meat in three rounds for the red-headed Victorian champion.

Fresh from thirty-one fights in Australia, of which he won 24, drew 3 and lost 4, 20-year-old English lightweight, Arthur Kelly, has arrived in New Zealand on the course of a world tour.

Fred Riddell, a southpaw with all the portsider's punching power in his left, wasn't too impressive in outpointing the much smaller Noel Fitzwater at Petone.

Chalk up 21-year-old Barry Brown (Dannevirke) as easily the best prospect in New Zealand boxing. Barry won the N. Z. amateur-flyweight title in 1948, and the light-welter crown three years later, besides crossing to Australia and taking the Australian Catholic Youth Organization lightweight championship in 1950. Turning pro, only this year, Brown has made meteoric progress, winning the welter title in his third fight by knocking out middleweight champion, Ross Sadler, who had trained down to contest the vacant 147 pound title!

His last win was an easy ten rounder over Joe Clarke (Australia), at Petone.

Current New Zealand champions are: Heavyweight, Don Mullett (Wellington); lightweight, vacant; middle, Ross Sadler (Waimate); welter, Barry Brown (Dannevirke); light, Frank Wilson (Greytown); feather, vacant; bantam, Lin Philp (Hutt Valley). There are no flyweights.

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NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

THREE Australian champions climbed through the ropes during the month, one to defend his title, one to box an importation and the third to engage in an overweight bout with one of his leading contenders. They were Al Bourke, Young Regan and George Kapeen.

Bourke defended his middleweight title against Alfie Sands. Alfie, who registered an upset last month in Sydney, by outpointing the champion, found Bourke too classy in Melbourne and was comforatably outpointed over the 15-round title route.

Regan, bantam champion by the grace of Jimmy Carruthers, who relinquished his Australian diadem upon winning the world and Empire crowns, met South African, Panama Flash, and won with a nine-round KO. The South African displayed a pleasing style and gameness, but was out of his class, and, after he received a cut eye, the bout was stopped.

Kapeen, newly crowned welter champion, found the toughness and walk-up style of Pran Mikus more than offset the titleholder's heavy hitting power, and suffered a KO reverse in 10 rounds. It was a gruelling contest. Mikus had both eyes badly cut yet stormed into Kapeen, knocking him to the floor in the tenth term. With George in a bad way, referee Vic Patrick stopped it, giving Mikus a KO victory.

Mikus will be on the sidelines for three months. Kapeen, who said he was not well when he entered the ring, will also be out of action for a while.

Tommy Burns surmounted his first hurdle in his latest comeback, by registering a KO victory in eight rounds over Harry Hayes at Mt. Isa. However, this victory did not successfully answer the query: Will Burns be good enough to re-win the welter crown? Burns scored the only knockdown.

Englishman Al Wilburn, who recently drew with Pran Mikus, halted Phil Warren in three rounds in Melbourne. Then he came to Sidney and iced Leo Brennan in three rounds. These last two results were expected. Brennan, particularly, cannot handle southpaws. Wilburn is now in a position to earn big money here. He intends to settle in this country, and after he has been here for 12 months, he will be qualified to fight for the local welter title.

The welter position is very interesting at the moment and the crown rests very insecurely on the brow of Kapeen. When George, Pran and George Barnes are fit again, there will be some good contests among them. And if Bernie Hall regains recent lost form, he will be in the welter maelstrom, too. Then, of course, there is Tommy Burns, and Wilburn.

Alan Landers is going along like a house on fire in Brisbane. He KO'd Ernie Barber in two rounds last week and is now one of the leading bantam contenders.

Alan's brother, Dave, continued his feud with Jackie Ryan, and Jackie once more demonstrated his superiority. It was another Queensland lightweight title tilt and finished in the sixth session.

Bill Larrigo knocked out Zac Rakicic in 11 rounds in Newcastle and Zac was out for 15 minutes. When Bill hits 'em, they stay hit.

Charlie Dunn demolished Arthur Kelly in two rounds in Newcastle a week after the Rakicic rout. By this effort Charlie has once more forced himself into local lightweight ratings.

Sydney lightweight Jimmy Baine boxed a draw with Brisbane southpaw Young Layton at Brisbane. It was a very good fight and a return will pull the crowd.

At Leichhardt, featherweight Ken Wenman pulled a stunt which was unprecedented here. He sat in his corner until the referee, Art Mawson, beckoned him and his opponent, Vin Woods, to the ring center to receive instructions. Then Ken refused to come out. Said he would not box under Mawson. Proceedings were held up about 15 minutes. The promoter, Herb McHugh, wanted to call off the bout and refund admission money to the crowd. But Mawson stood down in favor of preliminary referee Jack Burns, rather than disappoint the crowd. Wenman won on points in what was his last fight at Leichhardt.

Ray Coleman proved that his form was all wrong a few weeks ago when he drew with Ron Varcoe. This time he clearly outpointed Varcoe. Ray, when he sets his mind to it, is still a good featherweight, but is no longer in top class.

Bluey Wilkins, number two contender to Elly Bennett, recently went to New Zealand, where he skittled Syd Stevens, former champion of the Shaky Isles, in three rounds.

Also in New Zealand are middleweight Fred Riddell and welter Joe Clarke. Fred beat ex-New Zealand champion Noel Fitzwater on points, while Clarke lost a points verdict to champion Barry Brown. Both Aussies are making comebacks. Riddell was a good southpaw, while Clarke made a name for himself some years ago, in the preliminary ranks, with his powerful punch.

A promising featherweight is Billy Richards who is forcing his way upward after a spell. He outpointed Tony Fisher, former amateur champion, in a good fight in Sydney.

Other 12-rounders resulted: Leichhardt: Frank Donnelly outpointed Darcy Wells—welters.

Brisbane: Johnny Azzard outpointed Johnny Conway—lightweights.

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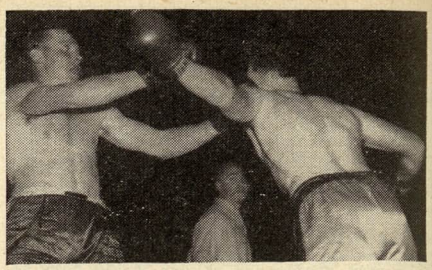

Pete Radaemacher (left) of Seattle, Wash., won the National AAU heavyweight title at Boston by decisioning Jack Schries. He is seen landing a left and blocking a right.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

APRIL'S highlights were the fights in which national welterweight champion Tomas Lopez successfully defended his title against Memo Garmendia; the professional debut of bantam Raton Macias, a Mexican Olympic; and the match which national lightweight champion Manuel Rivera had with Chu Chu Jimeniz, from California, won by the local boy.

Enrique Gomez, 136, stopped Baby Felix, 135, in four. Marcelino Peña, 134, stopped Jose Galicia, 133, in three.

Rudy de Hoyos, 134, outpointed Chico Martinez, 135, in ten. Pedro Garcia, 118, and Marciano Bermudez, 119, drew in ten.

Tomas Lopez, 140, Mexico's welterweight king, outpointed Memo Garmendia, 146, in twelve, in a match for the title. Baby Rivera, 118, outpointed Aurelio Rivero, 116, in ten.

Raton Macias, 117, outpointed Manuel Armenteros, 114, a Cuban, in ten. This was a brilliant event. Marcelino Peña, 133, outpointed Ceferino Montes, 134, in ten.

Gabriel Barragan, 156, stopped Baby Zavala, 153, in two. Carlos Martinez, 151, outpointed Lucio Moreno, 149, in ten.

Manuel Rivera, 134, Mexico's lightweight champion, outpointed Chu Chu Jimenez, 135, in ten. Aurelio Cruz, 136, outpointed Pedro Viesca, 135, in ten.

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BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan W. Copeland

PROMOTERS Louis Craig and Ford gave fans a program of 35 rounds of boxing at the National Gymnasium in Panama City.

In the main event, scheduled for 15 rounds to determine a new national bantamweight champion, Melvin Bourne, 116½, stopped Rudolfo Ampudio, 116½, in the fourteenth round. Bourne opened a deep gash over Ampudio's left eye and Ref Pinzon thought it best to halt hostilities in Bourne's favor.

In another ten-round special Horacio Otis, 128½, knocked out Black Bill, 122, as cold as an iceberg after two minutes and thirty seconds of round nine.

Baby Quiros, 110½, our national flyweight champion, lost a six-round decision to Victor Asprilla, 112½. Kid Jameison, 121¼, and Chico Anderson, 125, fought a four-round draw.

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In a recent promotion in the Capital City, Panama, Rudolfo Francis (ex-Beau-Jack II) knocked out Julio Farah in the second round. Farah was touted as the bantamweight champion of Costa Rica and Central America.

Sylvester Wallace, 132, technically stopped Transito Kid, 130½, after 54 seconds of fighting in round four.

Melanio Pacheco, 116½, won a unanimous decision over Young Tittens, 114½, after four rounds of fighting.

Kid Zefine II, 115½, punched his way to victory over Tony Gavilan, 118½, in another four rounder.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

BUFFALO'S first TV boxing show was a pronounced success. A crowd of 6,752 fans paid $16,789 gross to watch Joey Giambra, Buffalo's colorful young middleweight, box rings around Danny Womber of Chicago in the ten-round star bout at Memorial Auditorium. Giambra never looked better as he hooked and jabbed his way to decisive victory.

Jimmy Watkins, 149½, scored a fourth-round TKO over Calvin Nathan, 144, Cleveland; Billy Mayo, 191½, knocked out Jackie Harris, 190, Troy, in the second round; Jimmy Williams, 154, won a three-round TKO over Tony DePelino, Buffalo; Harry Budnieski, 156, Dunkirk, drew with Billy Gibson, 158, Albany, in four rounds; Jimmy Hall, Buffalo, 156, won decision over Eddie Reynolds, 152, Syracuse, in four rounds.

Billy Collins, 20-year-old boxing sensation from Springville, N. Y., won the National A.A.U. 156-pound championship and clearly established himself as a real fistic prospect. Billy has decided to become a professional.

Summer boxing shows loom as a possibility here this year. The local baseball park—Offermann Stadium, home of the Buffalo Bisons—will be the scene of the open air programs if Promoters Tom Lippes of the Hudson Club and Dewey Michaels of the Fairview Club are able to arrange worthwhile programs.

HERE AND THERE. . . . Buffalo is proud of its three boxing referees . . . Lou Scozza, Eddie Sears and Fred Stanton. This competent trio never hesitate when a boxer is showing the effect of punches. They know when to stop a fight. . . . Junior Singer has resigned as matchmaker for the Hudson Club but Promoter Lippes may make a new deal with Singer which could make him undergo a change of mind.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD'S first boxing show in several months drew a near capacity crowd of 931 payees at little Foot Guard Hall. In the main event George Dunn, 136½, Hartford, had too much experience for George Edmonds, 135½, also from Hartford. Edmonds, outclassed all the way, was floored twice in the fourth round and after 35 seconds of the fifth round Referee Eddie Reed decided the one-sided affair had gone far enough, as Edmonds had two badly damaged eyes.

Lorey Zernitz, 176, New Haven, earned a six-round decision over Oliver Wilson, 181, Hartford.

The gross of $1,814.75 has encouraged matchmaker Gus Browne to announce a couple of more indoor shows before the outdoor season starts.

New Haven also had its first boxing show in quite some time and new promoter Leo P. Bradley was pleased with his opening house and gate. New Haven's Eddie Compo gained a lop-sided ten-round decision over Harry LaSane, 134, Houston, Texas. Compo, 133, put on a masterful boxing exhibition that carried virtually every round.

In a whiz-bang eight-round semi-final, Willie Eaton, 159, New Haven, won an upset decision over Jose Contreras, 161, Fall River. Lorey Zernitz, 176, New Haven, was awarded a third round TKO victory over Kid Smart, 174½, Westerly, R. I.

The crowd of 1,498 paid a gross of $2,733.

Pete Perone, Connecticut's veteran manager and past president of the Connecticut Boxing Guild, was recently guest of honor at a Guild dinner which was attended by sport scribes and sportcasters and Guild members. Among other gifts Pete was presented a solid gold life membership card suitably inscribed as a token of the Guild's esteem. GOOD LUCK, PETE!

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

IN a rough, hard-fought battle in which heavy punching played an important part throughout, Carmen Basilio, 150½, the upstate welterweight contender, scored a technical knockout victory over Carmine Fiore, 147, Brooklyn, in 1:09 of the ninth round at War Memorial Auditorium. A crowd of 6,000 fans saw the nationally televised bout, with the Syracuse and Central New York area blacked out. The gate was $17,000 which speaks very well of Syracuse as a big time boxing center.

Referee Al Berl halted the proceedings after Basilio had pounded the rugged Fiore to a pulp on the ropes, in the ninth. The Brooklyn fighter, his right eye swollen completely closed, was knocked half through the ropes, virtually helpless. Carmen had a big edge in the first two rounds but the Brooklynite came back strong in the third and fourth.

From the eighth round on Fiore absorbed terrific punishment. The end was in sight near the close of this round as Basilio outpunched and outsmarted his man. Coming out for the ninth, Basilio soon had Fiore at his mercy, on the verge of a clean knockout, when the referee stopped it.

In the eight-round semi-final, Tony DePelino, 155½, drew with Jimmy Cousins, 150, of Indianapolis. Jimmy Watkins, 148½, Buffalo, outpointed Wesley Lowery, 147, Saginaw, Mich., in a hard-fought six-rounder. Eddie O'Hara, 180, Rochester, kayoed Joe Cory, 222, Allentown, Pa., in the third. Frankie Cowan, 189½, Waterville, added another kayo to his collection when he stopped Jimmy Eagan, 177, Clay, in the third semester. Eddie Reynolds, 154½, Syracuse, kayoed Paul Danish, 159¼, in the second heat.

World's welterweight champion Kid Gavilan, the Cuban Hawk, apparently took Danny (Bang-Bang) Womber too cheaply and lost a ten-round decision to the fast moving Chicago Negro in a non-title top-liner at War Memorial Auditorium. Nationally televised, with Syracuse and nearby environs blacked out, even the champion could not lure the fans in. Womber had the Indian sign on Gavilan and took advantage of it. Showing absolutely no respect for the Kid's far-famed prowess, Womber stood toe-to-toe, outscoring the Hawk repeatedly, meeting Gavilan's spectacular last minute punching forays dead center, actually outpunching the titleholder in fast, furious exchanges.

A crowd of only 5,000 fans paid $14,665 to see the fight, a contest that deserved a bigger turnout.

"Bang-Bang" fought an ever-plodding, aggressive battle, was never slowed down or dismayed by Gavilan's flashing closing round rallies, but met the champ tooth and nail, bettering anything the Hawk could offer and finishing the stronger. Referee Ruby Goldstein saw it 6–3–1 for Womber, Judge Dick Albino saw it the same way; while Judge Jack Kimball registered 5–3–2, favor of "Bang-Bang."

Joey Klein, 149, Brooklyn, drew with Mario Terry, 149, Mexico City, in an eight-round semi-final. The lads threw a lot of leather, leaving little to choose between them at the finish. Joe Shaw, 153, New York, outpointed Stonewall Jackson, 156, Washington, D. C., in a six. Frankie Cowan, 191, Waterville kayo clipper, compiled his fifth knockout in six starts, by tagging Leon Brown, 178, Hartford, Conn., in the fourth frame. Eddie Reynolds, 152, Syracuse, stopped Jimmy Holderman, of State College, Pa., in the first round; while Ernie Drummer, 150, Syracuse, halted Larry Busching, 152, Syracuse, in the fourth.

Promoter Henny Andrews is going outdoors with three big shows. The busy owner of the Supper Club is in New York this month, lining up top talent for his bruising parties, at MacArthur Stadium.

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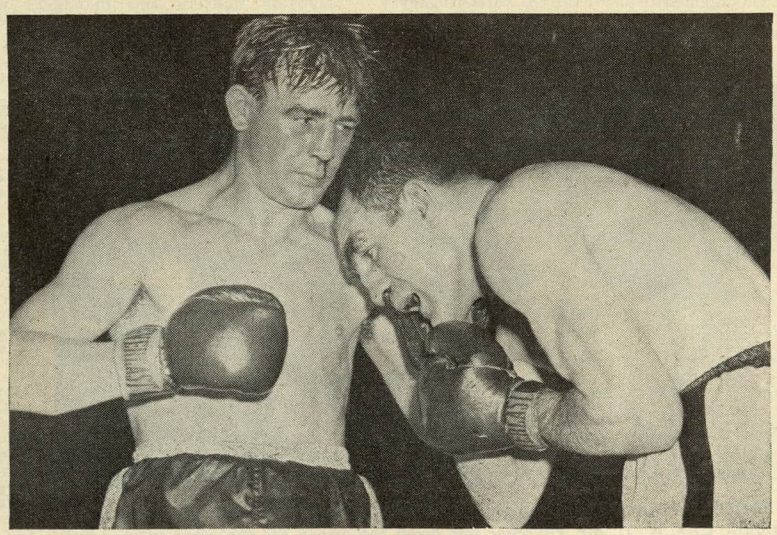
NOTES FROM MEXICALI
By Francisco Escalante

DAVID CERVANTES halted Tuzo Jiminez in the eighth round of the main event. Pelon Duran won a close and clean-cut decision from Joaquin Carrillo in ten rounds. Casanova II stopped Villita de Juarez in four heats. Luis Morales was kayoed in one by Chamaco Ortiz. Marcelo Gonzalez won from Pimi Jiminez in a savage four-round brawl.

David Cervantes took the Baja California lightweight title from Al Cota on a disputed twelve-round decision.

Freddy Bravo won a close ten-round decision from Manuel Hernandez. Jorge Macias scored a three-round TKO over Hector Perez. Aurelio Navarro won a split decision from Chamaco Ortiz in four. Arnaldo Gil decisioned Nacho Bravo in four.



Pierre Langlois, (left) French middleweight contender, lands a left to the head of Joe Rindone during seventh round of their bout at Boston Garden. Rindone scored an upset, winning a split ten-round decision.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

BOSTON.—I have never seen a pugilist take such a savage sticking and keep asking for further helpings than Tommy Collins did under the axing of lightweight champion Jimmy Carter. After the second round it was a matter of skill and a question of how many times would Collins keep coming off the floor. In four rounds Tommy hit the deck ten times and that was enough for Little John L. of Boston. Collins is a good fighter and one of the hardest punching featherweights in the world. The featherweight class is a good class for Tommy.

Billy McIntyre, 139, Boston, and Jimmy DeForest, 140, Worcester, drew (4). Danny Joseph, Jr., 137, Providence, outpointed Billy Mays, 137, Roxbury (4). Dom Saia, 139, Boston, who is on a comeback, looked very good in outpointing Rocky Sullivan, 139, Dorchester (4). Johnny Williams, 151, New York, kayoed Gus Pell Mell, 152, Montreal (2). Coffee Joe Wilkinson, 122, Washington, TKO'd Charlie McGarrity, 126, Brooklyn (6).

Waterville, Maine: Graham Holmes, 133½, Biddeford, won his thirty-sixth straight fight winning a split, eight-round decision over Tommy Tibbs, 131, of Boston. Richard Lemoine, 156, Quebec, unanimously decisioned Dave Grant, 151, Boston, in a companion eight. Claude Richard, 138, Quebec, scored a four-round technical knockout over Billy Wilson, 137, of Bangor.

Fall River.—Ben Maloud, French Morocco, outpointed Bobby English, of Fall River, in a very tame ten-round bout. Bobby was outclassed from start to finish.

Willie Gray, 145, Boston, defeated Gene LaBlanc, 144, Fall River, on a technical knockout in the fourth round. Jackie Larkin, 122, Fall River, was declared the winner over Manuel Batista, 127, of New Bedford, who was disqualified in 1:07 of the second round and his purse was ordered forfeited to the State. Don Wagner, 126, Fall River, outpointed Joe Nardo, 130, New Bedford (4). Roland Thibault, 148, Fall River, stopped Richie Dias, 144, Fall River (2).

Lewiston, Me.—Larry Griffin, 144½, Lewiston, outpointed Terry Ryan, 146½, Portland, in 10.

Fall River.—Bobby English, 132½, Fall River, outpointed Eddie Compo, 133, Hartford, Conn. (10). Rocky Sullivan, 136, Dorchester, outpointed Gene LaBlanc, 140, Fall River (6). Jack Marshall, 155, New Bedford, outpointed Jack Clayton, 160, New Bedford (6).

Fall River.—Iggy Vaccari, East Boston, 140½, ex-New England lightweight champion, won a unanimous decision over Marshall Clayton, 139, Washington D.C., in one of the best fights here in quite some time. It was a real humdinger, with Vaccari doing the better boxing and punching.

Gil Chris, 135, Philadelphia, outpointed Al Duarte, 132, New Bedford (6). Willie Gray, 149, Boston, stopped Joe Arruda, 150, Fall River (3). Gray is very promising and under the management of Frankie McGlinchey. Toby Silvia, 150, Fall River, outclassed Ricky Ferreira, 148, New Bedford (4). Joe Nardo, 127, New Bedford, outpointed Jackie Larkin, 122, Fall River (4).

Lewiston, Me.—Lloyd Hudson, 134½, Bath, Me., retained his lightweight title with a fifth-round technical knockout over Rudy Champagne, 133½, Augusta. Smitty Hicks, 161½, Portland, TKO'd Pauly Walker, 170, Hallowell, in four. Bill Farnsworth 150, Bangor, TKO'd Gordon Crossman, 153, Greenville (1). Ray Carpenter, 145, Waterville, knocked out Dan Pepin, 144, Lewiston (4).

Worcester, Mass.—Richard (Dick) Miller, 22, welterweight, from Warren, Mass., died between rounds of a six-round feature bout at Mechanics Building in Worcester. Miller was winning the fight and on his way to victory suddenly collapsed and slid from his stool while waiting in his corner for the start of the fifth round. Miller was undefeated in thirteen starts.

Portland, Maine.—Terry Ryan, 146½, won the State's welterweight title with a cleancut kayo of Larry Griffin, 144½, Lewiston, in the ninth round at the Exposition Bldg.

Classy Paul Herrick, 123½ Portland, gave his fellow townsman, Billy Sheridan, 125, a boxing lesson while grinding out a unanimous decision in the eight-round semi-final. Bill Handley, Bath, heavyweight, scored a TKO over Emerson Harris, Farmington Falls, in one minute of the third round. Steve Ross, 155, Biddeford, kayoed Al Thibodeau, 163, Waterville (3). Danny Sullivan, 128, Portland, outpointed Bobby Butts, Saco, 120, in four.

Fall River.—Manuel Batista, 129, New Bedford, a last minute substitute, put up a good fight and lost a hard-fought fight to Bobby Chabot, 130½, Fall River, in ten rounds. Gordon Perry, 148½, Providence, outpointed Eddie Silvia, 144, New Bedford (10). Jose Contreras, 160, Fall River, outpointed Freddie Lott, 158, Newark, N. J. (10). Bobby Wagner 124, Fall River, outpointed Young Wills, of Providence, 119¼, in four rounds.

Bangor, Me.—Larry Griffin, 147, Lewiston, decisioned Reggie Martini, 144, New York, in the main bout of ten rounds.

Lloyd (Scotty) Hudson 126, Bath, outpointed Paul Martin, 130, Lewiston (6). Ken Carpentier, 140, Waterville, kayoed Cliff Babcock, 142, Gardner (2). Roland Richards, 120, Portland, kayoed Bobby Cook, 123, Belfast (5). Gunboat Stevens, 138, Pittsfield, stopped Manley Kates, 142, Gardner, in the first.

Portland, Maine.—Joe Grimard, 161½, Bath, outpointed Vern Stevenson, 158, Ottawa (10). Reggie Chartrand, 148, Montreal, outpointed Billy O'Boyne, 149, Old Orchard Beach (8). Paul Herrick, 123, Portland, outpointed Bill Sheridan, 125½, Portland (5). Emerson Harris, 182, Lewiston, kayoed Ed Murphy, 184, Portland (2). Danny Sullivan, 124, Portland, outpointed Bobby Butts, 117½, Saco (4).

Providence, R. I.—Wilbur Wilson, 144, Boston, lost the New England welterweight title to Steve Marcello, 147, Providence. Marcello had to fight to win. It looked like Wilson was going to win when Marcello suffered a bad gash on the eye in the eighth round.

Attention fighters and managers wishing work in the New England States, contact Charlie Longo, 249 Friend St., Boston, Mass.

Nat Fleischer received trophy presented to him by Old Time Boxer's Association at Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. Fleischer was given the award for the most outstanding achievement on behalf of boxing for the year. Left to right: Lew Zaris, Lew Tendler, Fleischer and Neal Lang, the toastmaster. Photo by Mike Blizzard, Atlantic City Press.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

JOE WENKE, Cambria promoter, has closed the doors during the Summer months and will reopen with weekly boxing shows in September. In the meantime, Pep Barone, Allentown promoter, will run outdoor shows at the Fair Grounds in that city and can be reached at 616 Hamilton Street. Mike Snyder, local manager, has taken over the popular Cambria gym where most of the local boxers train daily.

Herman Taylor, veteran promoter, will promote open air shows here this Summer. Last year, Taylor promoted three open air championship fights including the Marciano-Walcott fight.

CAMBRIA RESULTS—George Johnson, 153½, Trenton, holder of New Jersey's middleweight title, scored a TKO over the experienced Billy Gordon, 161, Philadelphia, in the fifth round.

Tommy Marciano, 138, Phoenixville, Pa., won over Chico Corsey, 142, Philadelphia, in the semi six. In all-Philadelphia bouts: Johnny Gentile, 143, outfought Charley Scott, 136, in six; Don Taylor, 144, won over Bobby Bennett, 137; and Tim Kennedy, 150, scored a TKO over Joe Kennedy, 149. Joe Rowan, 171, Phoenixville, Pa., scored a four-round TKO over Rudy Franklin, 170, Philadelphia. Jimmy Franklin, 162, TKO'd Dick Davis, 171, Philadelphia, in the first; Jesse Manigault, 183, Harrisburg prospect, knocked out Matt Henderson, 200, Camden, N. J., in the second; Johnny Cook, 151, won a four-round decision over Steve Tomassi, 152, both Philadelphians, and Tony Tuzzi, 166, Harrisburg, defeated William Britton, Philadelphia, in four.

Bobby (Reds) Brandt, 179, Philadelphia's sensational puncher, scored over the experienced Tex Newby, 178, Baltimore, in eight. Richie DeCerio, 141, Norristown, Pa., outfought Earl Clemons, 139, Philadelphia, in the semi six. In all Philadelphia matches: Clyde Thompson, 184, TKO'd James Wiley, 204, in the second; Mike Valerio, 159, scored a two-round TKO over Johnny Smith, 160; Clifton Bradley, 120, and Billy Beaman, 123, drew in four.

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PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

LALU SABOTIN, one time ranking light-heavyweight of Warren, Ohio, was set back in his comeback attempt by Chubby Wright, 180½, of Reading, Pa. in the main ten-round bout of a show held at Youngstown, Ohio. Wright scored the split decision win over Sabotin by virtue of his aggressiveness.

Bobby Hughes, 161, of Warren, Ohio, knocked out Ronnie Moore 156, of Ebensburg, Pa., in the first round. Earl Charity, 168½, Youngstown, knocked out George Livingston, 170, Youngstown, in the first round. Earl Batie, 154½, Warren, stopped Ted Sloban, 160½, Warren, in the third round. Billy Gilliam, 132, Pittsburgh, decisioned James Cantonese, 132½, of Warren, in a four rounder. The show drew 1,000 fans and lost money.

Johnstown, Pa.—Nino Valdez, of Cuba, lost a ten rounder to Billy Gilliam, of Orange, N. J., before a crowd of 2,376 customers at the War Memorial Arena.

Freddie Manns, 160, Pittsburgh, whipped Pedro Gonzales, 160, Rankin, in the eight-round semi-final. Andy DePaul, 160, Pittsburgh, stopped Wilf Glynn, 160, London, in the second round. Ed Pierce, 137, Pittsburgh, was stopped by Biff Baer, 140, Springfield, Ohio, in the fifth. Johnny Eubanks, 148½, Pittsburgh, won by a kayo over Andy Strong, 156, Rankin, in the third round. Billy Joseph, 126, Pittsburgh, stopped Ed Striely, 121, Pittsburgh, in the third round.

The gross gate was $4,870; net $4,610.

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MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS

By Joe Poodles, Sr.

BOXING returned to the Free State when the newly formed Arena Sports club headed by Benny Trotta, in conjunction with the International Boxing club, put on a swell action packed show at the Baltimore Coliseum. Joe Brown, New Orleans lightweight threat, fought Orlando Zulueta, Cuban contender, to a ten-round draw in the feature event. A fast finish by Brown earned him the even-split verdict. A fairly good house, grossing $2,009.

In three five rounders, Walter Brown, local lightweight, whipped Eddie Gilchrist, Washington, D.C., by a unanimous decision; Curtis Wade whipped fellow townsman, Marvin Barefoot, unanimously, in a middleweight match; and Kid Saucer, Washington heavyweight, upset favored Jesse Manigualt of Baltimore.

In four rounders, Eldridge Thompson, Quantico, Va. middleweight, looked good decisioning Chuck Taylor, Baltimore; Isaac Dukes stopped Johnny Simmons in the second round, both lads are Baltimore heavyweights; Paul Kostoupalos, College Park, Md., welterweight, pulled the chestnuts out of the fire by dropping his foe, Charlie Diggs, in the final seconds of the last rounds to win the split duke.

Tony Celano, Baltimore lightweight, made his debut in the pro ranks a riotous winning one by chilling Jimmy Jackson in the first round of a wild melee.

Promoter Trotta was well pleased with the turnout, especially as the show was held on the night that the Baltimore Orioles opened their baseball season here. Trotta expects to run about one show per month.

It sure looked like old times at the Baltimore Coliseum on the Brown-Zulueta show with many of the old crowd turning out. The boxing game here got a big lift with the swell show put on and more of the same will help tremendously to put the sport here where it rightfully belongs.

BOXING IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

By Harlan Haas

RALPH SMITH, Houston's enterprising promoter, continues to chauffeur the Bayou City in the right direction with weekly club fights at his Ringside Club. Some fine prospects have been, and are being developed through the opportunity of fighting frequently.

Ringside Club, Houston.—Billy LeBlanc, the hard-hitting New Orleans fighter, swatted out a unanimous eight-round decision over Houston's lanky middleweight, Billy Trero. Both boys came in at 165. Steve Gideon, 148, former Miami boy now fighting out of Pasadena, Texas, battered Robert Martinez, 156, San Antonio, into submission in 50 seconds of round one.

In fours, Joe Vasquez, 136, Houston, decisioned the rugged Terry Smith, 140, Detroit; Emando Delgado, 128, San Antonio, stopped Pat Patterson, 132, Houston, in the opening round; and Joe Bryant, 147, kayoed Arthur Jones, 150, in the second, both Houstonians.

Ringside Club, Houston.—Steve Gideon, 150, Pasadena, Texas, scored a TKO over Dennis Woodbury, 151, San Antonio, in the fourth round of the featured six. Woodbury hit the deck for nine, and was being belted freely by the hard-hitting Gideon, when Referee Jimmy Webb intervened.

Lorenzo Garcia, 130, Houston, decisioned J. W. (Kid) Henry, 134, San Antonio, in a fast six rounder. In the third six, Stanley Jones, 160, Houston, bested Sport Harvey, 170, San Antonio.

In two four rounders, Joe Vasquez, 139, Houston, edged Terry Smith, 143, Detroit, and Carl Foy, 146, Houston, came out even with Lester Brown, 150, Houston, in a wild curtain raiser.

Ringside Club, Houston.—Pete Gil, Austin's very capable middleweight, took the unanimous eight-round decision from the game Billy LeBlanc, in the main attraction. Gil was trying for a knockout from the start, and carried the fight to LeBlanc all the way. Gil tipped the scales at 158, as did LeBlanc.

The five-round semi-final between Wendell (Rocky) Romair, 138, and Joe Vasquez, 134, both of Houston, ended in a draw. Vasquez took the first couple of rounds, but the roughhouse Romair of the iron jaw and billy-goat style continually bulled his way in close to swap punches. Both boys swapped punch for punch, while standing toe to toe, for the last minute of the fifth and final round.

Carl Foy, 147, Houston, was kayoed in the second round by Lester Brown, 149, Houston.

Don Parks, 155, Alvin, scored his second straight kayo by turning the lights out for Bernard Smith, 158, Port Arthur, in forty-five seconds of the second round. Huey Deville, 165, Houston, kayoed Harold Butard, 164, Port Arthur, with a right hook to the midsection in the fourth round.

Ringside Club, Houston.—Joe Felan, 135, San Antonio, copped the eight-round main event from Joe Vasquez, 137, Houston. The chunky Houston youngster made the classy Felan hustle, and the margin of victory was narrow. Terry Smith, 141, Detroit, decisioned the veteran Otho Sligar, 138, Houston, in the five-round semi-windup. In fours, Paul Jorgeson, 132, Port Arthur, made his pro debut a successful one by walloping Baby Valdez, 135, Luling; Lester Brown, 144, Houston, defeated Carl Foy, 144, Houston; and Louis Arriola, 145, Houston, iced Manuel Gonzales, 140, San Antonio, in thirty seconds of the first round.

HOUSTON FIGHT CHATTER. — Jimmy Kinnard, the be-bop bopper with the lethal right hand, is back in training after a couple of months layoff. Win, lose, or draw the cat is never in a bad fight. Jimmy DeLeon, Sol Moreno's young middleweight prospect, is ready to resume his pro career after being discharged from the Air Corps. Terry Smith, Detroit boy now fighting out of Houston for Roy Beard, is coming along nicely. George Brown, the ex-heavyweight battler, has a number of fine prospects in his stable, including Lorenzo Garcia, Joe Vasquez, Stanley Jones, among others. Frank Miller, former Victoria amateur scrapper, is now with the Army in Korea.

Anyone desiring information on boxing in this area can contact the writer at 4903 Laurel, Bellaire, Texas.

NEWS FROM SAN ANTONIO

By Bob Ostrum

DEL FLANAGAN came to San Antonio for the second time and proved to everyone but two of the judges that he was the master of Jimmy Martinez, Glendale, Ariz., middleweight.

Del's dazzling speed was more than Martinez could cope with, and Flanagan kept a flicking left hand in Jimmy's face throughout the fight. From the fourth round on, Flanagan was in complete charge.

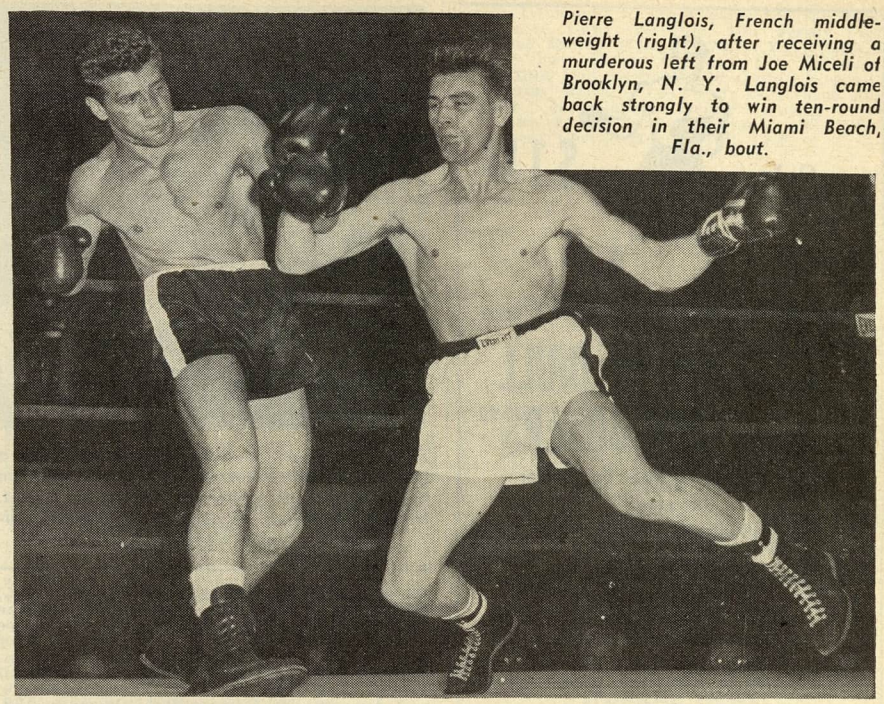
But in spite of the ease with which Flanagan handled Martinez, Jimmy was awarded the decision. The two judges voted for him while Referee Eddie Lopez scored the fight in favor of Flanagan, 98–92.

Jimmy Curl, former state middleweight champion, made his first ring appearance in nearly two years in the eight-round semi-final. The slugging southpaw knocked out Eloy Vann in 2:20 of the first round. A sizzling left hook to the stomach put Vann down for an eight count and the same punch put him away a few seconds later.

Joe Herrera, 140, Matamoras, Mexico, knocked out David Farias, local welterweight, in 1:41 of the fourth round; Jimmy Sadler, Big Foot heavyweight, scored a second-round TKO over Joe Mora after putting Mora on the deck three times; Bebe Garcia, San Antonio middleweight, remained undefeated as a pro with a four-round decision over Johnny Mills.

Jackie Blair, Dallas lightweight, dethroned Al Juergens, state lightweight champ, in a twelve rounder at Dallas. Blair had too much experience for Juergens and found Al an easy target for his sharp left jabs and right cross combinations. But Juergens thrilled the meager gathering of 881 fight fans at the Sportatorium with a rousing finish in which he opened a cut over Blair's right eye and had the new champion hanging on at the end.

Tunney Hunsacker knocked out Carl Griffin, Greenville, in 1:11 of the first round. Bebe Garcia flattened Curly Doan in 2:01 of the second round and David Farias TKO'd Joe Chaplin, Longview welterweight, in 1:30 of the first round. In a five-round bantamweight bout, Alex Santoy won a unanimous decision over Manny Camarillo, Juarez, Mexico.



Pierre Langlois, French middleweight (right), after receiving a murderous left from Joe Miceli of Brooklyn, N. Y. Langlois came back strongly to win ten-round decision in their Miami Beach, Fla., bout.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By Bill Hawkins

SELLOUTS and near sellouts, that is the record being set by George Parnassus, Sioux City wrestling promoter, with his weekly mat cards in the Sioux City Auditorium. Never before in the history of the sport has there been so much interest.

Nick Condos, a former Greco-Roman heavyweight wrestling champion, was a recent visitor to Sioux City. He now travels around the country doing public relations work for Republic Steel Corporation. Condos won his title in Germany in 1933. Two years before that he set a record in Madison Square Garden in New York for the fastest win in history—six seconds against Mike Chaplin.

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REMEMBER WHEN.—From our files we just pulled forth a copy of THE RING magazine for January, 1923. . . . A long time ago for you youngsters. On THE RING editorial staff at that time along with Nat Fleischer, we see the names of James K. McGuinness, Frank L. Coultry, Ike Dorgan, Frederick G. Lieb and Vernon Van Ness, along with staff of other writers and correspondents. . . . A picture called "Fighting Blood" was showing in the leading motion picture theatres. . . . Phil Bernstein was manager of Charley Beecher, Frankie Genero, Wee Wee Spencer and Harry London.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

PIERRE LANGLOIS and Joe Miceli have left their ten-round televised tilt at Miami Beach, still on minds and tongues of fans who watched their punchfest. The problem arising now is whether boxing and boxers would benefit most by the point or round system. Miami Beach, where Chris Dundee is doing a bang-up job of promoting and matchmaking, employs the round rule and that's how Pierre came out on top after surviving two knockdowns in the early part of the fight. Judge Fred Wilbanks scored it 6–3–1 in favor of Langlois, Judge Gus Jacobson had it even, 4–4–2 and Referee Cy Gottfried gave it to the Frenchman, 6–4. The verdict seemed right with 3,652 customers. They paid $10,185 to see RING Magazine's fourth ranking middleweight against his rated welterweight foe. Miceli dropped the French boxer with left hooks in the second and again in the third rounds but Pierre appeared fresher as the fight progressed and his fine finish was all he needed to gain the claim. The winner, with a tendency for roughness, tipped the beams at 158½, while the loser was eight pounds less.

Tony Say, 128½, Paris, TKO'd Billy Lima, 127, Miami, in the sixth. Harry Braelow, 163½, Miami, topped Jimmy Jewell, 165, Birmingham, in eight. Jackie LaBua, 151¼, New York City, won a good eight-heater from Vinnie DeCarlo, 152, Philadelphia. Co-promoting with Dundee was Jim Morris, of the International Boxing Club.

For all boxing news and results to appear in our column, please address the information to Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, or to the *Jacksonville Journal*, Jacksonville, Fla. Fighters not under contract interested in coming to Florida can do well by contacting this correspondent. Please enclose all possible information.

Topping Chris Dundee's Miami Beach fight card, Larry Mujica, 132¼, New York and Miami, and Pat Marcune, 132½, New York, gave 1,995 fans an exciting main event but what was more exciting was the upset Larry scored in the ten rounder over the 4—1 favorite. Mujica forced the action the full distance and punished his foe repeatedly with a mixture of punches for the unanimous decision. When Marcune tried to turn the tide in the last two rounds, he found Mujica standing his ground.

Eddie Springer, 161¾, Coral Gables, overcame two knockdowns to whip Art Thayer, 158½, Brockton, Mass., by a split call in eight rounds. Jackie LaBua, 148½, Brooklyn, punished Glen Hendershot, 152, Miami, and got a TKO win in the fifth. Whitey Allen, 138, Peoria, Ill., grabbed a four rounder from Pete Noka, 140, Miami. Larry Boardman, 129¼, Marlboro, Conn., defeated Bob Ritter, 130, Cleveland, in a four. The gate was $4,131.

Again, as in the past, it was a case of too much Willie Pep, 129. Headlining at Miami Beach, against Noel Paquette, 137½, Montreal, the very wily Willie shut out the courageous Canadian, 10—40, on all three officials' score cards. Noel was simply out of his class with the former featherweight champion but his steady, forward driving earned him the plaudits of the 2,378 boxing-lovers.

Touche! Ramon Fuentes (foreground) stabs a left to the midsection of Al (Sugar) Wilson in their ten-round welterweight tussle at St. Nicholas Arena as he goes on to win a unanimous decision.

A ten rounder between Baby Vasquez, 138, Mexico City, and Hy Meltzer, 137, Miami Beach, won action honors for the night. Vasquez won by a decision, and he scored the only knockdown in the fight with a right to the chin during the second. Eddie Springer, 160½, and Art Thayer, 158½, staged another good bout and they wound up evenly after six rounds. Lew Lightburn, 132, British Honduras, won an eighter from Honey Boy Williams, same weight, from Miami. Chris Dundee promoted.

Jimmy Bivins, 182½, former top-notch heavyweight contender but still a good trial horse for the up-and-coming youngsters, dropped Claude Rolfe six times for a lop-sided decision after ten rounds at the Latin-American Arena, Tampa. Tommy Gomez promoted. While Bivins was showing the 1,700 customers his heavy hitting, Rolfe, of Tampa, exhibited courage and luckily for him they had fought two-minute rounds and not three's.

Ray Delgado, Tampan on the comeback trail, needed only three rounds to dispose of Jimmy (Kid) Hatcher, announced as from Jacksonville. Al Herd, 189, Cleveland, was given a three-round TKO over Lee Pierce (or Pearce), of Palatka, when the latter broke his hand. The boys were mixing it well until the unfortunate accident. Sonny Hope, 160, St. Petersburg, made short work of Billy Norris, 155, Orlando, and kayoed him in 59 seconds of the second round. Mickey McNeil, 161, Apopka and Daytona Beach, TKO'd Willie Gibson, 152, Tampa, who was fighting his first pro bout.

Henry (Pappy) Gault, 121, of Spartanburg, S. C., the North American bantamweight champion, decisioned Billy Lima, 120, youthful veteran from Miami in ten rounds at Spartanburg. Gault built up a big margin to win handily. Pappy was sharp with his left jabs and rights to the head, a target he enjoyed from start to finish.

Gerald Hester, 150, Spartanburg, won over John Chaney, 141, Birmingham, in eight rounds. Billy Mason, 137, Greenville, won a split call in six over Joe Moreno, 137, New York City. Johnny Pruitt, 158, Spartanburg, whipped Walt Petty, 152, Greer, in another sixer. This Shrine Club card had Cecil Gowan and Leonard Smith matchmaking.

Short and sweet but unfortunate, that describes the battle between Bobby Yantis, 134, of Charleston and Daytona Beach, and Freddie Haas, 137-pound lifeguard. Topping Promoter Saul Weingeroff's card at Daytona Beach, the fighters went all out until Yantis landed a blow on Freddie's eye. When Freddie couldn't see as a result, the referee stopped and gave Bobby a two-round TKO triumph.

Eugene Ricks, 149, whipped Willie Papp, 153, in six rounds. The Panther, 167, didn't mind 235-pound Mose Brown and decisioned him in a four rounder. All are from Daytona Beach.

To the 1,000 fans attending Promoter Tommy Gomez's show at Tampa, the Baby Joe Diaz-Pete Noka battle, termed a draw, was alright, but a re-check on the slips actually favored Diaz the winner by a split decision after ten rounds. That's the way the record books will have it, Diaz the victor, Noka and Diaz, each at 142.

Charley Clark, 147, Tampa, scored a three-round kayo over John Castle, 150, Philadelphia. Art Gonzales, 125, Tampa, annexed a sixer from Buck Johnson, 130, Mulberry, Jimmy Jewell, 165, won in six rounds over Sam Muscato, 168, Buffalo. Mickey McNeil, 161, kayoed Joe Lorrie, 160, Miami, in two.

Information requested by this writer on Sid Peele for Lt. O'Brien, Special Services Officer in Yokohoma, Japan, was supplied by a RING Magazine reader, Wayne W. Atkinson, Jr., of St. Petersburgh, Fla., who saw it in our RING column. According to Wayne, Sid Peele boxed for the famed 82nd Airborne Division. His home is Fayetteville, N. C., and he was the heavyweight champion of that division. Not a clever boxer but regarded as a heavy hitter, said Atkinson of Peele. The Carolina heavy boxed on the same card with Larry Mujica, who was in the service at the same time.

The free boxing show offered patrons at Daytona Beach by Promoter Bob Shaw and Matchmaker Saul Weingeroff to induce attendance went over big, a crowd of 700, almost a full house, on hand.

Mickey McNeil, 165, Apopka, stopped Larry Dunn, 172, of Green Cove Springs in the first. Freddie Haas, 138, Daytona Beach, and Bobby Yantis, 134, fought to a draw. Kermit Robinson, 180, Daytona Beach, whipped James Hall, 170, also from Daytona Beach. Ernest Williams, 140, Daytona Beach, became the first fighter to defeat Ulysses Washington, 140, Daytona Beach. Cherokee, 160, Daytona Beach, TKO'd Willie Turner, 160, Washington. Kid Williams, 195, Deland, drew with Mike Strangelo, 198, Miami. Roy March, 162, Detroit, drew with John Rolley, 165, Lakeland. Legionnaires passed the hat around during the fights and the fighters split the take.

Freddie Haas, 137, Daytona Beach, and Bobby Yantis, 135, fought to a draw after eight rounds at Daytona Beach. At first it was announced Haas was the winner but a re-exam of the judges' tabs proved otherwise, a draw. The Panther, 162, Bethune-Cookman College of Daytona Beach, knocked out James Hall, 165, in the sixth. Hall is local. Eugene Ricks, 148, Daytona Beach, beat Elbie Oglesby, 146, Jacksonville. Ernest Williams, 137, Daytona Beach, TKO'd Bill Sellers, 135, Jacksonville, in three rounds, and Mack Miller, 215, Daytona Beach, drew with Willie Smith, 198, Ormond Beach.

New president for the Florida Federation of Boxing Boards is William C. Harnett; vice president is Saul Meringoff; and William B. (Bunny) Lovett, Jr., is secretary-treasurer. Harnett and Lovett are from Coral Gables and Meringoff from Miami Beach.

Cliff Stevens, 151, Newark, N. J., outsmarted Ray Delgado, Tampa, before 1,150 fans at Tampa, and got two of the three nods for a split decision over the home town boy. Claude Rolfe, 195, Tampa heavyweight, ripped into Tommy Larkin, 215, Boston, and laid him to sleep with a left hook in the first. Sam Muscato, 168, Buffalo, planted Clyde Green, 165, Orlando, among the swee'peas in the second. Mickey McNeil, 163, Apopka, scored in a four rounder over Ted Goree, 168. Charles Clark, 147, whipped Sonny Smith, 150, in a local four. Tommy Gomez promoted for the Latin-American Club.

Our sympathies to Bill Corum, the popular sports writer and Churchill Downs prexy, on the loss of his beloved wife, who passed away at Daytona Beach recently. Mrs. Corum had been living at Daytona Beach for 10 years.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By Eddie Beck

RALPH ZANNELLI, veteran local welter, returned to the gym after a five-months retirement. States Ralphie, "I can lick most of the welters now going."

Danny Josephs, Jr., Fox Point promising lightweight, easily defeated the veteran Billy Mays in his pro debut.

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Steve Marcello, fast rising local welter, annexed the New England welter title by outclassing the rugged Wilbur Wilson of Roxbury in a twelve rounder. Stevie suffered a broken thumb in round two but gave a snappy performance.

Eduardo (KO) Lausse, 155, Argentina, stopped Tommie Smith, 155, Providence, in five. Joe Bruno, 129, Argentina, kayoed Mac Little, 130, Philadelphia, in two. Bob Young, 165, Providence, beat Eddie Vincent, 169, Norwich, in six. Manuel Baptista, 127, New Bedford, beat Nick Deveno, 125, Norwich, in six. Joe Arruda, 148, beat Roger Rinquette, 147, in four. Both are from Fall River.

IDAHO FISTIC FACTS
By Hugh Sutton

IDAHO FALLS.—Bobby Wise, Oakland, Calif., won a unanimous decision, in ten rounds, from Chuck Woodworth, Brigham Young University student, in the main go. Wise is a deadly belter and is far too experienced for the university lad.

Ralph Helms, 170, Rock Springs, knocked out Wendell Haskell, 174, Ogden, third round.

Mickey Rhodes, 150, Boise, decisioned Buddy Sloan, 149, Salt Lake City, in four rounds.

Dean Anderson, 168, Rexburg, Idaho, decisioned, Chuck Berry, 170, Boise.

Emmett, Idaho.—On a mixed wrestling and boxing card, Mickey Rhodes, popular young middleweight, from Boise, and Chuck Putney, the elongated puncher from Payette, Idaho, put on a thriller for the crowd. Rhodes won the six rounder on a split decision.

Boise.—The fight fans of Boise saw more human flesh in the ring than they've ever seen in a long time when Promoter Tex Hager staged a bout in the Riverside arena with Edgardo Romero of Argentina and Junior Payne of Oakland, Calif. Romero was awarded a split decision over Payne in the ten-round main go. Romero was the more aggressive of the two and scored time and time again with his left to the midsection. Romero tipped the scales at 234 and Payne made the pointer swing on up to read 255.

Boise boy Mickey Rhodes dropped a unanimous decision to another very good fighter, Benny Flake, of Salt Lake City. Rhodes was down once, but was back up in a second and fought a very good fight all the way through.

Gene Dilkes, 153, Boise, came from away behind to score a fourth round KO over Ronnie Earl, 160, of Salt Lake City.

George Mocaby, 134, decisioned Kid Davis, 127, Boise, in four and Warren Culver, 133, won by a third-round knockout over Johnny Hudson, 138, Salt Lake City.

BOXING NEWS FROM WALLA WALLA
By Don Houle

MICKEY RHODES of Boise, Idaho, received a TKO win over Chuck Putney of Payette, Idaho, when referee Bud Sporleder stopped the bout in the eighth. Mickey reopened a cut over Putney's left eye.

Late in the eighth, Rhodes worked Putney into a corner, threw a solid right to the jaw and Putney went down, but bounced right back up. Mickey, moving in for the finish, connected with another thunderous shot to the eye to end the best bout of the evening.

Harley Breshears, 180, Parma, Idaho, scored a TKO over Jimmy Allen, 175, Hermiston, Ore., 4; Lee Tracy, 155, Pasco, Wash., won over Gene Dilkes, 156, Boise, Idaho, 4; Willie Boyd, 135, Spokane, Wash., was too experienced for Warren Culver, 135, Idaho Falls, 4.

Sonny White, popular welterweight of Walla Walla, returned home after two years in the Army. Local fight fans always enjoyed the type of fights Sonny gave them and are anxious to see him in action again.

Send in all reports of interest by the first of the month, if you wish them published by your reporter. The address is Box 871, Walla Walla, Wash.

IN MONTANA AND THE NORTHWEST
By Bo "Bow Tie" Grmoljez

WITH Butte leading the way, boxing is coming back to Montana with a bang. Carl (Bobo) Olson, leading middleweight contender, handily defeated Garth Panter, Salt Lake toughie, over the ten-round route in Butte. The house grossed $19,700 which was second to the Gibbons-Dempsey title fight held at Shelby, Mont., in 1923.

Making his first start as a pro. Johnny Masonovich, heavy punching Butte heavyweight, stowed away Billy Burris in the first round. Herbie Patzer continued on his merry way by stopping one Mr. Miera of Salt Lake in the third round. Tommy Flores knocked out Norman (Red) Snyder in the first round.

Mel Epstein making matches for the Legion in Butte ventured over to Helena where he promoted the draw between Johnny Miller and Ray Perez, a ten rounder

There is a great lack of preliminary talent in the state, however the writer of this column is going to make it a point to keep the PAL gymnasium open nightly in Butte in an effort to develop boxing talent.

In one of the best balanced cards ever witnessed in Butte, Jimmy Savala Sid Flaherty's crackerjack lightweight from San Francisco, fought Joey Clemo of Portland, Ore., to a stunning draw.

In the eight-round semi-final, the imported Edmonton lightweight, Buddy McDonald, found himself outfoxed at every turn he made during his scrap with Tommy Flores. He was down for counts several times in the seventh.

Wilf Desjardins, fighting out of Spokane, lost a six-round bout to Tuppy Tyler. This was a slambang scrap and was well received by the fans. Johnny Masonovich, the Butte heavyweight, after being on the floor, opened a nasty cut over Don Ericson's left eye and won by a technical knockout in the third. Ken Kass, the elongated light-heavyweight from Missoula, Mont., kayoed Dean Anderson in the first.

Unattached boxers who are seeking work in Montana can contact me at 611 East Park Street, Butte.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND.—All the boxers who fight in Newark's Laurel Garden are pleased with the fine treatment they get from glove man Ike Gellis. Inspector Dave Goldberg of the boxing commission is doing a great job putting together a fine amateur show for the Commissioner John R. Martin Assoc. June 15, in Irvington.

Here are the results of Jersey boxers in out of state rings: Georgie Holzman beat Sal DiMartino; Mike Tocci beat Filberto Osario, but lost to Charley Titone; Pat Best defeated Joey Greco and Danny Taylor; James Parker kayoed Ralph Jackson; Willie Stewart lost to Emerson Butcher and drew with Gene Johns, Al Wilson lost to Johnny Bratton; Georgie Johnson kayoed Billy Gordon; Al Mobley drew with Ernst Stetzman; Monroe Kurtz kayoed Joe Lissy; Roosevelt LaBroad was stopped by Richie James; Jimmy Walker upset Willie James; Jim McMillan beat Gene Darconte, and split two decisions with John Cappy. Bill Gilliam defeated Nino Valdes; Tony Cimmino lost to Chico Vejar; Bobby Davis was kayoed by Harold Gomes; Lou Martino drew with Earl Clemons; Freddy Lott lost to Jose Contreras.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH.—Arena, Trenton, former lightweight king, Ike Williams, 151, Trenton rallied to edge out tough Billy Andy, 152, Providence, R. I. in a brawling ten rounder. The vote was 5—4—1 for the overstuffed ex-champ. Russel Sessom, 200, Newark, flattened Mack Anderson, 182, Phila., in 1:30 of the third. Bobby Nichols, 156, Trenton, looked good in scoring over Lew Whiterspoon, 152, Phila., in four. Henry Hause, 132, Trenton stopped Billy Lambert, 128, Phila., 2, and Al Purnell, 128, kayoed Murph Daley, 125, Easton, Pa., 3.

Laurel Garden, Newark; Doug Carter, 135, Newark, turned in a shut out as he won all 12 rounds in winning the state 135-lb. title in his bout with Charlie Slaughter, 130, Westfield. Doug had to much class for the game youngster. Gany Garafola, 166, Jersey City, stiffened Danny Wilson, 170, N.Y.C., in 2:50 of the first. Henry Gorman, 154, Paterson, won from Don Layton, 158, Point Pleasant, 4. Jimmy Meehan, 140, a six foot three New Yorker, outpointed Buddy Fontd, 136, Bayonne, 4, and James McQueen, 158, Elizabeth beat George Mardo, 156, Lodi, 4.

Danny Rubino, 151, Hoboken, scored his tenth straight win by easily outscoring Willie Sydnor, 149, Tuckahoe, N. Y., in the main eight, the vote was 6—0—2 for the dark-haired crowd pleaser. Larry Crawley, 143, Westfield scored five knockdowns on route to a three-round kayo over Sammy Marin, 145, N.Y.C. Willie Coleman, 150, Atlantic City, kayoed Acie Greene, 156, Bronx (3). Billy Taylor, 157, Harrison southpaw, looked good in flattening George Mardo, 156, Lodi (4), and Jimmy Sheehan, 126, N.Y.C., kayoed Jimmy Dickens, 125, Brooklyn (3).

Felix Redundo, 137, Bayonne, scored an impressive win when he belted Jimmy Scalero, 137, Stamford, Conn., into defeat in 2:57 of the fifth. Jimmy was saved by the bell in the first. Eddie Dixon, 161, Newark, slugged his way to a win over Sid Barry, 160, Paterson (6). Daniel Boone, 188, Newark, came to the end of the trail in the third round when he was kayoed by Bill Reynolds, 186, Paterson Otis Williams, 156, N.Y.C., beat Vinnie DeScisio, 159, N.Y.C. (4), and Don McAteer, 162, Paterson, kayoed Jimmy McQueen, 164, Elizabeth, in 53 seconds of the first.

PROSPECT OF THE MONTH.—Willie Coleman, hard punching Atlantic City, comer.

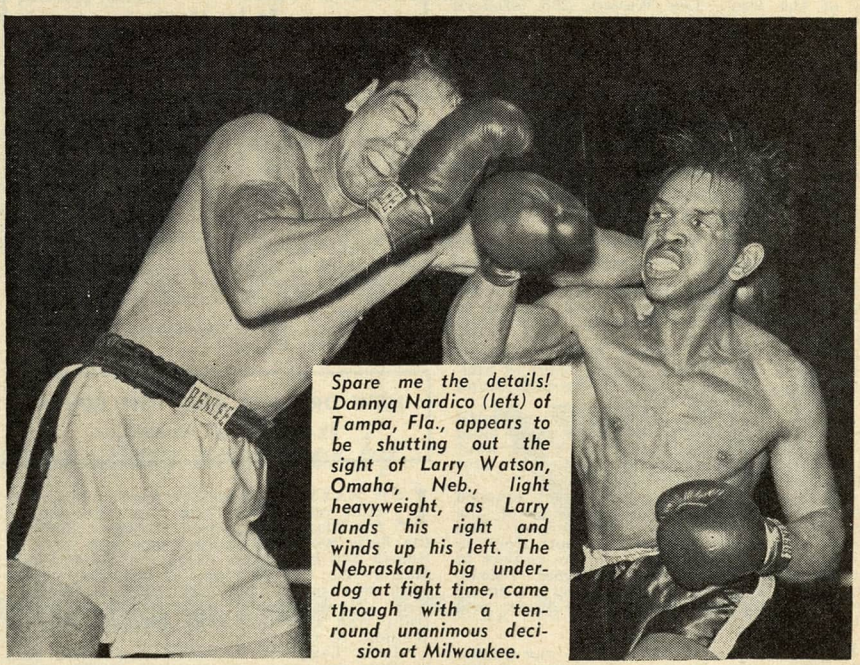
SPOKANE NEWS
By Donna Rhodes

AT Kennewick Chinese Gardens Arena they had another complete sellout in advance. The box office was not even manned at fight time.

Chico Aguilar, Kennewick middleweight, banged out a close decision over Irish Billy Irons in eight rounds. In the six-round semi-windup Wilf Desjardins, Calgary welterweight, and Al (Pinky) Cowan staged a donnybrook that had the fans standing all the way. Cowan squeezed out a narrow but deserved decision.

In the six-round special Pasco, Wash., middleweight, Lee Tracey, stopped Hal George, Fairchild Airbase, in the fourth. In the openers, all lightweights and all four rounders, Indian Willie Boyd duked Baby Aguilar and Chuck Ciocca shaded Teddy Jones.

In answer to so many inquiries I have received—Old Tiger Fox, who suffered a stroke two years ago is up and around, though he has never regained his speech. Mail will reach him in care of Chuck Woods, at the Al Morse Gym, where Tiger drops in daily; incidentally he presented me with a nice bouquet of red roses, my favorite flowers, last week. See you next month. My address is 410 West Riverside.



Spare me the details! Dannyq Nardico (left) of Tampa, Fla., appears to be shutting out the sight of Larry Watson, Omaha, Neb., light heavyweight, as Larry lands his right and winds up his left. The Nebraskan, big underdog at fight time, came through with a ten-round unanimous decision at Milwaukee.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

THE United States Atlantic Fleet Boxing tournament, held at the Naval Base in Norfolk, saw Marine Al Hood, 165, and Rudy Gwin, 147, and Sailor Ralph Medina, 112, display superior "Ring Know How." All three are good professional prospects.

The 1953 Atlantic Fleet Final results were: 112 lbs.: Ralph Medina (Battleship-Cruisers) decisioned John Cortez (Destroyer Force). 119 lbs.: Ferrel Snider (Destroyer Force) decisioned Norm Williams (Fleet Marines). 125 lbs.: Tom Salmey (Battleship-Cruiser) decisioned Robin Reese (Air Force Atlantic). 132 lbs.: Bob Jackson (Mine Force) decisioned Bob Nichols (Destroyer Force). 139 lbs.: Art Durden (Fleet Marines) decisioned Barry Howard (Destroyer Force). 147 lbs.: Rudy Gwin (Fleet Marines) decisioned Charles Glasby (Battleship-Cruisers). 156 lbs.: Joe Davis (Fleet Marines) decisioned Phil Payton (Mine Force). 165 lbs.: Al Hood (Fleet Marines) decisioned Pat Patterson (Destroyer Force). 178 lbs.: Don Lee (Battleship-Cruiser) won default over Martin Burke (Destroyer-Force). Heavy: Aubrey House (Fleet Marines) decisioned Roy Louson (Mine Force).

The newly formed Sports Enterprises Inc., of Roanoke, will attempt to revive the professional interest in Virgina. Matchmakers for the new club are Bob Riley and D. L. Johnston, Jr. Managers are requested to send detailed information to the new matchmakers.

Boxing news regarding Virginia is welcome, please have same at my home before the end of the month. Letters requesting information, will NOT be answered unless accompanied by self addressed STAMPED envelope. My address is: 7423 W. Kenmore Drive, Norfolk, Va.

PITTSBURGH AND WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By Mickey Davies

LIKE two peas in a pod." That's what the fistic folks in the Mountain State are saying in comparing Ross (Dixie) Calvin, the transplanted Nashville lightweight, with Pvt. Noel Humphreys, the crack Charleston lightie who is now serving Uncle Sam in Korea. The youngsters are identical in styles, weigh the same, and above all look enough alike to be mistaken for twins. Both boys box under the banner of your correspondent.

Ironton.—Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 182, on the comeback trail, looked great in stopping Bob Jackson, 180, Dayton, in the fourth round. Bout was halted because of a badly lacerated eye.

Ross (Dixie) Calvin, 133, Nashville, knocked out Bobby Burns, 140, Warren, Ohio, in the first round of a slated eight. Charley Howard, 155, Bronx, N. Y., was awarded a TKO over Irish Eddie Howe, Ft. Wayne, Ind., in the seventh chukker. This bout was action packed all of the way. Les Waugh, 208, stopped Frazier Moore, 185, in the fifth round.

We would still like to hear from managers with action talent, and fighters with no managerial ties to appear on cards in this section. Please send along complete data with first letter. Address: Mickey Davies, 818 Washington, Huntington, West Va. Telephone 33578.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

SID GOLDBERG, Toledo fight promoter, ran into trouble again when he had to substitute on his main go after Uncle Sam grabbed one of his participants. Sid reached out and got Chuck Foster, a pretty fair fighter, who gave a good account of himself although being stopped in the fifth round by Spunky Lowry.

It was a good fight and an even one until Lowry hit Foster with a strong right hand followed by some left hooks and Chuck went down for the full count. It was Lowry's first main event start in his home town.

Ples Gilmore, making his pro start, stopped Jimmy Sparks of Detroit in 1:45 of the second heat. Toledo's heavyweight, Neil Welsh, copped the nod over Hubert Hood in a six rounder. Welsh was on the canvas in the first round. Wendell DeLorme, Toledo, was halted by Billy Simm of Detroit in 45 seconds of the first round. The gross gate was $2,486.

Harry Forbes, who at one time was a leading lightweight, is now Chairman of the Steam Fitters Union at Charleston, W. Va. He is with Local No. 625 of the C.I.O.

Charley Cotton, Toledo welterweight who won the Golden Gloves title in that city, has just added the middleweight title of Korea to his list. He is stationed with Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division.

The VFW Gymnasium will be open throughout the summer months, Monday through Friday, it was announced by Joey Leal and Tommy Adair. The gym hours will be from 6:30 until 9:30 and it is located at 631½ St. Clair St., Toledo.

Dick Bonacci, a member of the University of Toledo freshman wrestling team, won the 167-pound class Northwestern, Ohio, AAU championship at Cleveland.

Irish Pat Richards, 201-pound heavyweight, is ready for action. Any promoters wishing to use the big Irishman kindly get in touch with the writer.

Send all notes pertaining to boxing to Less Huffman, P. O. Box 611, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

Larry Watson, of Omaha, scored the biggest upset of the season at the Milwaukee Arena when he copped the 10-round decision over Danny Nardico of Tampa. Watson used a long left jab effectively and scored with booming rights to the head and left hooks to the body. Nardico was best on the inside but Watson tied him up in the early rounds. However Nardico's strength began to tell in the closing rounds but too late to turn the tide of victory.

Arthur Portley, 127½, Milwaukee, was out of his class against Charley Riley, 133, St. Louis and was stopped in 2:28 of the third round.

Ralph Cervantes, 140½, Rockford, Ill., stopped Dick Kerber, 143½, Milwaukee after fifth round because of cut, with Kerber leading.

Ted Olla, 161, Milwaukee, won from Eddie Simms, 158½, Chicago (6).

Milton Scott, 133, Milwaukee, outpointed Bunny Berrigan, 129, Milwaukee (4).

Attendance, 4,733. Gross receipts, $11,563.80.

The abuse of the TKO came to light in the Cervantes-Dick Kerber fight. Kerber, winning handily, bumped heads with Cervantes and received a bad cut on his temple. The doctor took a look and stopped the fight. Butting is a violation of the rules. Both were guilty. The injured should not have been penalized with a TKO—"no contest" would have been better. The boxing commission discussed changing the rule but as yet has not acted.

Ray Zale, nephew of the former middleweight champion, Tony Zale, won his spurs on the University of Wisconsin Boxing team. He won an NCCA title.

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

IN Cannelton, Ind., Louisville amateur heavyweight Don Smith stopped Jim Sanford of Cannelton in the second round and a week later Smith beat Walter Givens, the state champ, in a bout at Louisville. Also on the same card Richard Fryman, amateur lightweight of Paris, Ky., knocked out John Hatchett in the first round.

RING SIDES.—Going good apparently, down in Miami is Charlie Elliott, the former Louisville and New Albany welterweight. Mitt fans who've been wondering if Joe Brooks still is in the promoting business can draw their own conclusions from the fact that he recently shelled out $300 to renew his license.

Send your notes to Joe Martin, 215 N. 35th. St., Louisville, Ky.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

LEW RAYMOND'S sudden death while traveling on a train from New York headed for Miami, Fla., April 17, was a shock to the fistic world. Raymond who was born in Russia and his correct name was Louis Israel Malitz. He was 73 years of age. Raymond's body was taken from the train at Weldon, N. C. He suffered a heart attack while the train was traveling from Emporia, Va., to Weldon, N. C.

"Papa Lew," as Raymond was called here by fighters, managers, trainers, boxing writers, fans and others had been living here for 12 years previous to leaving 18 months ago. This writer brought Raymond here from St. Louis, Mo., to team with Marty Burke, one-time heavyweight contender in a promoter's war with the late Abe Katz as the rival promoter to Burke and Raymond.

Back in 1929 I recommended Raymond as a promoter for a wealthy Denver, Col., business man who wanted to promote boxing. I was in Denver with Davey Abad, Panamanian lightweight who was fighting Mickey Cohen there. Raymond accepted the proposition and promoted there for several years.

Seventeen-year-old Ralph Dupas, 138¾, added Richard (Kid) Howard, 135, squatty five foot Nova Scotia lightweight, to his list of ring victims in the feature eight-round bout at the Coliseum Arena. Dupas won a unanimous decision but Howard proved a stubborn and willing opponent landing neat left hooks to Dupas body.

Al Villafarra, 145¼, New Orleans southpaw welterweight, made his six-round debut scoring a one-sided six-round verdict over Roger Trevino, 144, Houston, Tex. Trevino seemed to be lost with the portsider and the fight was a dull one.

Ed Jennings, New Orleans, 130, decisioned Henry Luera, Houston, Tex., 125½, in a four rounder. Al Boudreaux, Westwego, La., 148, and Terry Smith, Houston, Tex., 148¾, drew in four heats. Frankie Savoie, New Orleans, 126¾, was stopped in four by Doug Elwood.

A crowd of 1,926 fans paid a gross of $2,900.

Alvin Pellegrini, 146½, 18-year-old New Orleans welterweight, won a split ten-round decision over rugged Freddie Monforte, 143, Brooklyn, N. Y., at the Coliseum Arena. Pellegrini appears to be one of the most promising prospects developed here since Bernard Docusen was on the way up the fistic ladder.

In the eight-round semi-final, Al (Kid) McCoy, 150, Tampa, Fla., scored a five-round kayo over Johnny Capitano, 143, New Orleans. Right shots to the body finished Capitano.

Rocky Rindell, 136, Tampa, Fla., scored a four-round unanimous decision over Frankie Speed, 133, New Orleans. Rindell had Speed on the floor. Al Villafarra, New Orleans, 139½, won a unanimous four-round decision over Art Montano, Tampa, 133. Bob Robertson, Tampa, Fla., 158¾, stopped local Pete A'Costa, 152, in the first round.

One thousand three hundred ninety-eight fans paid a gross gate of $2,367.10.

Ralph Dupas, 138¾, New Orleans lightweight, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Valde Fusaro, 139¼, Milan, Italy, in the feature eight-round bout at the Coliseum Arena. Fusaro was no match for the fleet-footed and awkward Dupas.

In the eight-round semi-final, fancy Willie Pastrano, 147¾, New Orleans, pounded out an easy decision over Chato Hernandez, 145¼, Durango, Mex. Al Villafarra, New Orleans, 142, won a unanimous four-round decision over Hector Bacuetes, Algiers, La., 137¾.

The four-rounder between Joe Roman and Clay Haley, local welterweights, was called no contest in the second round. Ed Jennings, New Orleans, 129¼, stopped local Carlos Savedra, 125¾, in the third round.

Two thousand two hundred eighty-two fans paid a gross gate of $3,963.

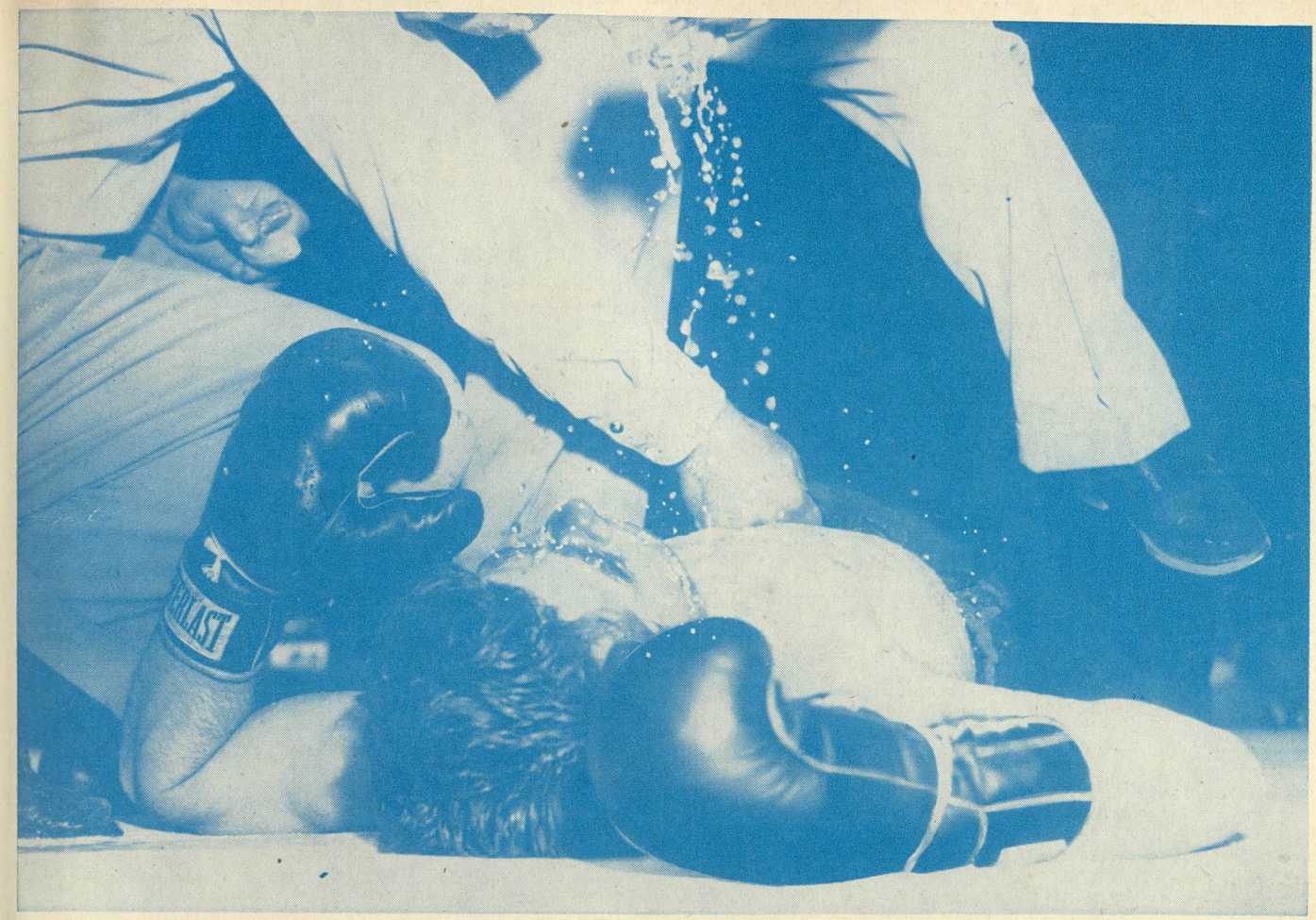
Anyone wishing information on doings in these parts can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY
By Ken (Duke) Stigner

One thousand four hundred and eight rabid mat adherents turned out during a rainstorm to watch Verne Gagne and Wild Bill Melby renew their feud at Town Hall and were convinced that they had seen two of the best in the business.

Gagne, a handsome ex-football player from Minnesota, won over Melby in the best two out of three falls match. Verne scored the first fall in 20:41 with a series of drop kicks. But Billy the Kid thrilled the crowd when he applied his famous "cobra" hold on Gagne to even the count after 11:37. The third and deciding fall went to Gagne in 5:49.

WAITING FOR THE BELL.—It's rumored that the Catholic Youth Center is to be the scene of boxing once more with a few civic men underwriting the shows with a matchmaker already appointed. . . . let us hope they make good in the CYC which is a natural for boxing and seats more than 5,000. . . . Also some shows are on the fire for the outdoor season in the ball park. . . . Chic Feldman (Mr. Sports) back at the *Tribune* and his radio spot beating the field with his sport predictions. . . . The Elks are going in for pro boxing next year for charity, deserting the amateurs.



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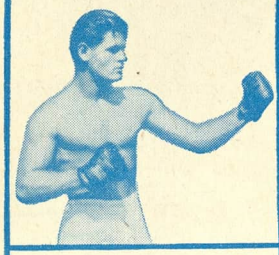

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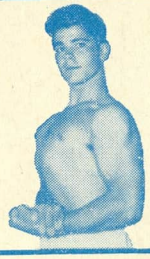

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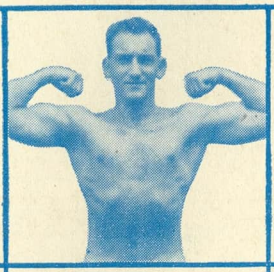

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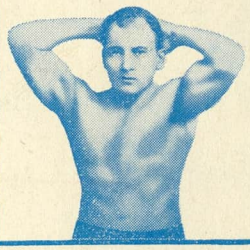

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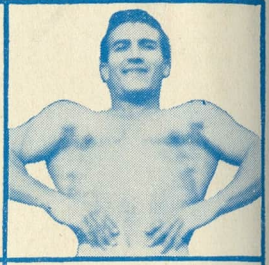

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